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# HOW MUCH WILL YOU HELP ERASE BY JUNE 1943?

Mississippi Baptist Bonded Debt



Mississippi Baptists have a bonded debt of \$284,000. (Three years ago, the amount was \$542,000.)

On June 1st, Mississippi Baptists will again call some of their outstanding bonds. The amount called depends on you, your church, and other Baptists.

A contribution from you NOW to the NOW CLUB will hasten the day, when Mississippi Baptists will be debt free.

We count on you!!!

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### Sparks and Splinters

During the last week of February I was with Pastor Barney Walker and the good folks at Forest in their Crusade revival meeting. Having spent six years in Forest as pastor it was just like going back home. Rev. E. C. Edwards of Shuqualak had charge of the music, assisted at the piano by Mrs. H. E. Bishop. The attendance was good. The prayer meeting attendance averaged about 100. There were eight for church membership and at least 98% of those attending the services reconsecrated themselves unto the Lord. Brother Walker has been at Forest only a little over a year but he has already made for himself a large place in the hearts of the people.—W. C. Howard.

The week of Feb. 21st, I had the joy of being with Rev. C. C. Carraway and the church at Boyle in a revival meeting. The church was ready for the meeting and we had splendid attendance all the way through. It has been a long time since I preached to as many people as were in the services there. Bro. Carraway is a hard worker and loved by all the people of Boyle. There were seven to come on profession of faith and six by letter. It was a joy to be in the pastor's home during the week. A new Sunday school plant costing \$2,500.00 has been erected and paid for, and the church front re-modeled, and the membership greatly added to are the fruits of less than a year's work on the part of the pastor and his wife.—J. B. Smith, Hollandale.

February 28-March 5 I had the privilege of being in Quitman with Pastor Meadows and his good people for their Crusade revival. The morning services were held in the high school auditorium and the night services in the church. Practically every one attending the services rededicated themselves to the Lord. There were six or eight for church membership. The prayer meeting attendance averaged 85. Prof. Zack Huggins, superintendent of the school, led the singing. He not only knows school work but he knows how to sing and knows the Lord. Brother Meadows is in his eleventh year as pastor at Quitman and the longer he stays the more the people love him. Under his leadership the church has paid off all its debt and continues to make progress in all phases of the work .- W. C. Howard.

We had a good revival meeting at Cary, Miss., with Rev. J. W. T. Siler, the week of Feb. 28th. We had the morning services at the public school, with the pupils of all grades present. This was a fine experience and a good hour every day with students, faculty and others who came in for worship. There were five on profession of faith during the week. Bro. Siler is doing a great work there. The church has grown in numbers more than fifty per cent in the last few months he has been with them. It was a joy to spend the week in the home of Bro. and Mrs. Oliver Williams of Onward.—J. B. Smith, Hollandale.

Dr. Chester M. Savage, pastor, First Baptist Church, Union, did the preaching in a revival March 14-19 with Hope Baptist Church, near Philadelphia. To the glory of Jesus Christ there were 78 professions of faith. Several churches will receive additions as the result of the meeting. Rev. F. G. Wilborn is the capable, consecrated pastor.—Reporter.

Phillipston Plantation: Bro. L. D. Sellers assisted in a meeting in this new community the week of March 7. Nineteen came upon a profession of faith, forty others agreed to enter into the organization of a new church. We hope to perfect this organization in the near future.—C. J. Olander.

Major Ed Scott, Jr., who led in the destruction of the entire convoy in the battle of the Bismarck Sea, is a member of the Hollandale Baptist Church.

Chas. P. Dockery, treasurer of the Eudora Baptist Church, recently sent us the EVERY FAMILY list from that church. This list contains both new and renewal subscriptions and a check was enclosed to pay for one year in advance.

Mrs. A. R. Winstead recently sent us a nice club list of subscriptions from Melrose church in Yazoo county.

Recently we received a nice club of subscriptions from Mt. Zion church in Pike county. Rev. J. T. Tolar is the pastor.

America's drink bill for one day would feed one million Chinese refugee children for six months. If the U. S. gave up its liquor habit, the nation could build forty modern battleships each year without the expenditure of an extra dime.—The Union Signal.

We recently received a nice club list of subscriptions from Mrs. P. S. Clements of Scobey. This list contained both new and renewal subscriptions.

Rev. Joe S. Skinner of Mississippi is the new pastor of the church at Monument. He moved on the field about the middle of February.—Baptist New Mexican.

Mrs. H. L. Byrd recently sent us a nice list of subscriptions from Pleasant Hill church in Copiah county. This church has the 50% Plan.

A colored pastor of the old school said that his chief complaint against his people was on account of their "contributory negligence." He may not have been a scholar, but he certainly had an instinct for language.—Religious Herald.

Enlistment Pastor, B. S. Hilbun has just closed a Crusade revival meeting with Centerville church, in Jones county. Results: Twelve additions, \$31.50 for State Missions, \$28.00 for Now Club and \$10.00 for the first four months payment for the EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record. (Editor's Note: The EVERY FAMILY Plan, State Missions and the Now Club make a great team.) Concerning this church Brother Hilbun writes: "I assisted in the organization of this church and served as the first church clerk. Later they licensed me to preach, and it was in this church that I preached my first sermon. I have assisted them in more than fifteen revival meetings and have served as pastor on three different occasions. The church is now enlarging the building and adding four Sunday school rooms."

Rev. C. J. Olander was with Rev. J. L. (Jodie) Moore and the Corinth church, Leake county, in their Crusade revival meeting. In spite of the disagreeable weather the people carried on and a large number were present for every service. On Monday night of the meeting Deacon Chandler announced that the men would meet the next morning to begin wrecking the building so that a new building could be erected. All the services were held in the Singleton Consolidated school auditorium. Prof. Lovern and his faculty cooperated to the fullest extent. There were nine professions of faith and seven candidates for baptism. The visiting preacher was entertained in the home of Pastor and Mrs. Moore. Brother Olander writes that the people of the Corinth church love their pastor and are ready and willing to cooperate with him. He has done, and is doing a marvelous piece of work in Leake county.

Please announce through the Record that I only have the weeks of May 23 and June 13 open between now and July 4. Since I have had no public engagements in Benton, Alcorn, Tippah and Prentiss counties I hope to arrange for these weeks in some of these counties.—J. B. Ray.

Noble Albert H. Fiebach, head of the Shrine, planned last fall to visit Shriners in Mexico. During September he received word from the U. S. government that "the proposed good will tour will be inconsistent with the best interests of railway transportation problem," and so could not go. Yet a Catholic prelate can go all the way to Rome to confer with the pope! That's America.—Western Recorder.

Rev. W. C. Hamilton, paster of Cross Roads church in Tishomingo county, recently sent us an EVERY FAMILY list from that church.

Among the recent visitors to The Baptist Record office were: Rev. Robt. S. Crawford, Van Winkle; Rev. Charles Whitten, Clinton; Dr. J. B. Quin, Summit; Dr. Otho A. Eure, Greenwood; Bob Eure, Greenwood; Rev. J. B. Young, Ellisville; Jerry Mize, Jackson; Rev. B. E. Phillips, New Hebron; E. N. Lane, New Hebron; Rev. E. L. Howell, Hopewell; Rev. Jack J. Clinton; Dr. P. I. Lipsey, Clinton; Mrs. P. I. Lipsey, Clinton.

The article in last week's Record entitled "To The Pastors and Churches" referred to White Side Baptist Church. West Side was the proper word.

Raleigh: Rev. William Lowrey Compere, pastor of Fifteenth Avenue church, Meridian, assisted Pastor W. E. Hardy at Raleigh in their Crusade revival. There were six for baptism.

Immanuel church of Hattiesburg is spending \$5,000.00 on remodeling and improvements.

Eden: We had Rev. H. Grady Wilks of Yazoo City with us in our meeting. Brother Wilks is a good preacher, and every message was powerful. We had four additions, making nine this year. Brother Wilks ought to be called by some good church. He is from the Baptist Bible Institute. He is a good worker with the men and they follow his leading as well as any I have known.—D. I. Young, pastor.

The First church, Pontotoc, is increasing its budget for the remainder of this year by increasing its gifts to outside causes from twenty-five percent to thirty-three and one-third percent. From the surplus that had accumulated since the first of the year the church decided to give \$200.00 to the Now Club.

Even though the weather was inclement and there was much sickness, we had a good revival at Adaton church, Oktibbeha county. Our pastor, Rev. R. L. Ray, Jr., did the preaching.—Genevieve Clardy, reporter.

To those who are planning to attend the W. M. U. Convention in Jackson: The Walthall Hotel advertises regularly in The Baptist Record. Turn about is fair play. We will appreciate any business our readers may give the Walthall Hotel. Write the hotel for reservation or if you prefer The Baptist Record will be glad to make reservation for you.

First Baptist Church, Vicksburg: We have just closed our revival meeting. Frank W. Wood of Knoxville, Tennessee, did the preaching. W. C. Morgan, our educational director, had charge of the music. There were 30 additions during the ten days, 15 of them by baptism.—D. Swan Haworth, pastor.

Recently Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Williams of Hickory sent us a list of 12 names. These 12 subscriptions are for one year and are being sent to members of Good Hope church in Newton county by Mr. and Mrs. Williams.

The B. S. U. of Wood Junior College met and elected the following officers for the new year: President, Clara Jean Rutledge; first vice-president, Clara D. Ross, Billy Smith; second vice-president, Laveeda Hooker, Webster Cleveland; third vice-president, Mary Ann Ellis; secretary, James Simmons; treasurer, Maurine Edwards; reporter, Mark Hartley; magazine representative, Winnie Pennyan; music director, Sammie L. Wooten; pianist, Alva Merle Blanton.—Dorothy Doolittle.

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A few days ago we received an EVERY FAMILY list from Enon church, Walthall county. This was sent in by the pastor, Rev. James Thorn.

Another new EVERY FAMILY list received recently came from County Line church in Rankin county, Rev. R. O. Byrd, pastor.

Please tell all the Baptist people, and especially Dr. Kirkland at Walnut, through The Baptist Record, that my address is Station A, Box R, Bakersfield, California. Surely I want to hear from them. This is one of the most needy and challenging fields I have ever heard of. I've been here only four days, and three letters have come asking some of us to come and help them organize a Southern Baptist church. Two out of three persons that you meet are not Christians, by their own word. What an opportunity for Jesus!—John Farmer.

Washington, D. C.—Soldiers in the front lines are deeply religious, and their chaplains, armed only with Bibles and hymn books, duck Japanese bullets and bombs in the South Pacific along with their men. These facts, and others, were revealed by Chaplain Lennie S. Dubberly in a report from Buna made public by the War Department. The chaplain himself was wounded by a bullet the day after Christmas. However, he barely mentioned this fact in his report, going on to say, "I'm more proud than ever that I'm a chaplain in the United States Army."

Dr. E. O. Sellers has recently assisted in meetings at the First Southern Baptist Church of Tucson, Arizona, and Immanuel church in El Paso, Texas. In the latter place the meeting was a combination Bible Study and Hymn Appreciation Week.

Bluff Springs: It was my happy privilege to preach in the Evangelistic Crusade at Bluff Springs, Pike county. The Lord gave us a good spiritual revival with two additions to the church. Rev. C. O. Stegall, the pastor, has done a fine work in this community.—James Thorn.

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## Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS." I Cor. 13:8b

"They . . . went everywhere preaching the Word." Acts 8:4.

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On another page we show Cooperative Program contributions from the 100 leading churches in Mississippi for the year 1942.

II

Associations participating in the Soul Winning Crusade next week are: Calhoun, Chickasaw, Monroe, Tate and Union county.

III

The following churches report results of the Evangelistic Crusade revivals:

Rev. J. W. T. Siler reports a fine meeting at Cary Baptist Church. Rev. J. B. Smith did the preaching. Five additions to the church.

Rev. H. A. Milner, Star, reports good meetings from his churches, Mountain Creek, Antioch and New Zion.

Pastor B. Dolphus Hardin, Sunflower, writes: "We thank God that He made it possible for you to be with us last week. Your messages and influence will be a lasting blessing to us. At New Hope we had twenty-five additions, ten by baptism and 15 by letter."

From Rev. Sollie I. Smith, Enterprise Baptist Church, comes a fine report of their meeting with Rev. W. L. Day doing the preaching.

Brother J. T. Tolar, pastor of Bala Chitto and Mt. Zion churches, sends in a fine report about their revivals. He says the Lord brought great blessings to them.

Good Hope Baptist Church, Winston county, with its Pastor R. D. Pearson doing the preaching, sends in a splendid report. There were twenty-four professions of faith. Six for baptism.

Pastor O. P. Moore, Moorhead Baptist Church, writes about his meeting as follows: "We had a deeply spiritual meeting, although we did not have so many additions. Dr. A. E. Tibbs did the preaching and his messages were sane and powerful. Despite the fact we had the worst weather of the winter we had a large group who did not miss a service."

Pastor Thomas S. Messer, Toomsuba Baptist Church, writes that they had a fine meeting with Rev. Aubert Dunn as visiting preacher.

Brother Charles Whitten, pastor Hopewell church, Winston Association, sends in word that they had ten additions to the church and fine spiritual meeting.

Brother V. W. Malley sends in fine reports of the meetings at Oakvale, Oloh and Hathorn churches.

Rev. Arlis E. Smith writes that they are making preparations for a revival the week of March 24-28. Rev. Tom Pfeifer will be the visiting preacher. A soul winning group has been formed and the taking of a census planned.

IV

A cooperative spirit is a part of Spirituality. A spiritual life, or, spirituality, includes a cooperative spirit.

A description of spirituality as "letting God have His way" deeply impressed us. Certainly a spiritual person accepts the teachings of the Bible. It reads, "We then as workers together." II Cor. 6:1. That is cooperation!

God Almighty works with us. In that measure and manner cooperation is God-like.

Lastly, the cooperative spirit is a mark of sanity. Insane people are incapable of working together with others.

We believe in freedom to choose the right; freedom to think right; freedom to decide to cooperate in all the work of the Lord Jesus. That seems to be where the Bible places the chief emphasis.

"Choose ye this day whom ye will serve ..." Then, Joshua throws the entire weight of a godly personality into the freedom of choosing the right way, "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15.

A deacon refuses to choose, for instance, to sit

with the other deacons preparatory to taking the offering. He comes swinging as a "lone eagle" down the aisle. He appears foolish in the eyes of many.

We are no "conformist" regarding some things.
We do like to work WITH God and the brethren!

"All to Jesus I surrender,
All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live."

That song has been sounding in our soul recently. We have seen the need for complete surrender to the will of Christ as we have never seen it before.

We sing "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow," and then say in actual decision, "Not there, Lord!"

We say as we sing (but frequently the heart is not in it), "I'll go where you want me to go dear Lord."

However, miasmatic swamps turned Demas back so that Paul had to write, "Demas hath forsaken us."

Some were "bread" Christians and turned back because it didn't "pay off" in their way.

One man wanted to go home and bury his father. Another wanted to put off following Jesus until he told his folks goodbye. Another had bought a piece of ground. Another had to try out a yoke of oxen. Another had married. Others wanted the Kingdom for themselves.

We are afraid we preachers are about as guilty in these things as many laymen.

During these days of spiritual crusading and enlarging His work we have heard one after another of the silly excuses listed above in the Bible.

VI

It was good to be with Oakdale church, Rankin county, for evening services during the Crusade. At the start the weather was bitterly cold. Folks came and the house was well filled the last days. This is a well developed rural church. Many are remembering Pastor H. H. Bethune in his protracted illness.

We have had good singing and helpful song leaders in all the revivals.

The large B. S. U. noon prayer group at Ellisville, Miss Williams, secretary, lingers in bright memory.

Pastor C. Z. Holland called us in for the examination of Brother "Buck" Seitz looking toward his entering the ministry as a medical missionary. The service was an inspiration to us.

A large group of ministers was present at the Ministerial Association, Mississippi College. Some able leaders are found in this group. A fine spirit prevails.

VIII

We do not get to visit as much as we would like to. However, we recently had three gracious visits with the sick.

The first was with Mrs. J. T. Cotten, a Christian woman who planted her life by the will of God in a growing section of this city.

Next, we went to the Baptist Hospital to see Miss Lackey. We are always helped by such a visit. We will not try to tell Mississippi Baptists about her. You know her and love her.

Hearing that Dr. Lipsey was also in the hospital, we expected to see him there. He was out and at home. There we found him in fine spirit.

Only heaven knows the outreaches of the service and influence of such saints of God.

IX

The people of God need to study and re-study I Samuel, chapter 16. It is the story of the selection of the youth David, for the kingship.

God said to Samuel, "How long wilt thou mourn for Saul?" How easy it is to feel and say as some leader (better than Saul) passes, "What in the world will we do now?" But God is not at His row's end, nor is His leadership supply impoverished. Ours may be!

Samuel goes and looks upon the older sons of Jesse and thinks each time, "Surely this fine fellow is the one." However, God says, "Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him."

They then called David. The Lord said, "Arise, \* you." anoint him." David was God chosen through His human instrument, the prophet Samuel. Every church seeking a pastor should camp on the ground them

### Touching The Bases

By Fred R. Langley Soldiers, Sailors and Defense Projects Service

GRENADA—The First Baptist Church, Dr. Glen Eric Wiley, pastor, has recently equipped and opened a Baptist Service Center in their beautiful building. This center should be very popular with the men at both Camp McCain and the Grenada Army Air Base. Rev. Levon Moore, assisted by his wife and others who give their time freely to this project, is beginning a fruitful work.

CAMP McCAIN-With the mercury down to 12 on the Sunday morning of our visit, our memory went back to Jan. 12, 1918, when we were in khaki in a cold army camp, covered with snow. The nearest chapel sheltered a group of soldiers led by Chaplain Scott. Here we found a warm religious atmosphere away from the cold outside world. Continuing our camp chapel visitation, we next attended service led by Post Chaplain Gaerttner. His message was on the "Need of Perspective in Our Lives." He read from Matthew (chapter 6) and dwelt on the key verse (33). Chaplain Gaerttner was kind, considerate and helped make other contacts possible. Immediately after this service we were taken in charge by a young chaplain from the state of Oklahoma, First Lieut. V. B. Appleton. He is assigned to Inf. 346, 87 Division. Through his courtesy quite a bit of this vast military camp was seen, also information regarding the religious activities was gained. We met and talked with two other chaplains as a result of this contact. Our physical needs were also satisfied by the generosity of Chaplain Appleton. Here's what the army served at Camp McCain: Soup, roast pork and dressing, peas and carrots, vegetable salad, white bread, peach preserves, coffee, ice cream and jello.

GREENVILLE—The evening worship was attended at the First Baptist Church. Dr. Chas. Henderson, pastor, and the church membership are making some new records. The fellowship period for soldiers, sailors and the young people after the evening worship is well planned by Mrs. Ben C. Penn and her assistants. This session also attracts many from the adult ranks whose leadership is felt in the church.

GREENVILLE ARMY FLYING SCHOOL—Chaplain W. L. Reed has been assigned to the Base since our last visit. He is looking after the spiritual welfare of the men and is cooperating with the churches in the city of Greenville. Dr. Henderson accompanied the writer on the visit to the G. A. F. S.

GREENWOOD—Although this is a brand new field, pilots are being trained rapidly. Only a short time ago the chief occupation on this site was cotton growing. The Greenwood Army Air Field has but one chaplain. He stated: "Army life is new to me," but one soon observed that he was learning fast by doing. Chaplain A. H. Northrop will do his duty for God and country in the chaplaincy. Pastor Otho Eure of Calvary Baptist Church made our appointment prior to our arrival and accompanied us to the field. He is an ex-navy chaplain.

of I Samuel 16 for quite awhile.

Many believe the brethren charged with the selection of heads for our three Seminaries found God's man for each place.

It was easy for some of us, like Samuel, to look on the height of stature, the age, and so on. However, God led wise men through the maze and mist of the hours to His men. All is well in God's Zion when His servants follow Him!

X

We certainly know the meaning of encouragement. Once or twice during these four years when responsibilities were unusually heavy, a few brethren in words of their own choosing would say, "Don't let it 'get you down.' We are remembering you."

That is just another reason we like to try to encourage others. We hope it means as much to them

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#### MARCHING ON IN MARCH

As wages and incomes of Mississippi Baptists increase, so do Convention Board receipts.

Miss Schilling, Convention Board bookkeeper, has given us the following figures concerning receipts for the first twenty days of March:

Cooperative

				Program
1843				\$17,859.95
1942				7,437.13
1943	Gai	n		\$10,422.82
				Miscellaneous
1943				\$18,771.60
1942				8,068.12
Gain	for	1943		\$10,703.48
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1943				\$ 8,373.50
1942				5,594.68
Gain	for	1943		\$ 2,778.82
Total	for	first	twenty days of 1943	\$45,005.05
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- It seems that glorious financial gains are getting to be a habit with Mississippi Baptists. And they are not confining their gains to any one column. The Cooperative Program, designated objects, the Five Thousand Club and the Hundred Thousand Club show worthy gains.

The total gains for the first twenty days of March amount to \$23,905.12. This is an average gain of \$1,195.25 per day for the first twenty days of March.

This is a splendid record and will bring joy to the hearts of all Mississippi Baptists.

But a word of warning is needed. A coasting car soon stops. Loafing Baptists soon come to a standstill. Let's keep up the good record.

#### -BR-THE ANSWER IS, "NO"

Good news as well as bad news travels fast. The very day that we received a telegram from Dr. Charles E. Maddry, Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, telling the good news that the Foreign Mission Board was out of debt we had an inquiry from a good Baptist woman. Her question was:

"Now that the Foreign Mission Board is out of debt shall I quit paying to the Hundred Thousand Club?"

The answer is,

"NO."

All of us rejoice that the Foreign Mission Board is out of debt but we could rejoice more and sing "O Happy Day" a little louder if all our boards and institutions were out of debt. But unfortunately

they are not. Yet, they are all making progress and that part of our Hundred Thousand Club money which has been going to the Foreign Mission Board will go to those causes not yet out of debt. And thus they will now begin to go faster along the road to Debtlessville.

We joined the Hundred Thousand Club for the duration. We expect to keep on paying our one dollar per month until those debts have been paid and our Baptist work freed of the shackles of debt.

#### \_\_\_BR\_\_ SHE WAS MISINFORMED

A few days ago one of our consecrated Baptist women told us that she was overjoyed to hear that Southern Baptists were out of debt. When asked for the source of her information she said that a friend had seen a telegram to that effect from Dr.

We informed her that the telegram only referred to the Foreign Mission Board debt and not to ALL

We call this to the attention of our readers for fear that others may have misunderstood the meaning of Dr. Maddry's telegram.

#### -BR DRAW YOUR OWN CONCLUSIONS

On another page will be found a list of the one hundred churches that gave the largest amounts through the Cooperative Program in 1942.

The church that leads the list is Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson, Dr. Claud B. Bowen, pastor. Congratulations!

Of the first twenty-five churches listed, twentyone are EVERY FAMILY churches.

Eighteen of the second twenty-five churches listed are EVERY FAMILY churches.

In the third group of twenty-five churches listed twenty either have the EVERY FAMILY Plan or the fifty percent plan.

The fourth group contains the names of thirtyone churches. Twenty-two of these are EVERY FAMILY churches.

We make no claim for The Baptist Record but it is significant that of the 106 churches giving most through the Cooperative Program EIGHTY-ONE are EVERY FAMILY and fifty per cent churches. Draw your own conclusions.

#### -BR-A PROFITABLE BUSINESS

No one wants to fail. Most young men and women who go to college do so in order that they may be better prepared to face life and its inevitable

The merchant buys goods with the expectation of selling them at a profit. The farmer invests in land with the hope of making money. In fact, all of life is based on the principle of profit, cultural, intellectual or spiritual. It has ever been thus and will continue as long as time lasts.

We plan to discuss one phase of life that guarantees a profit. Not all business enterprises return a profit. Some show slight losses and others become total losses.

In Job 21:15 we read, "What profit should we have if we pray unto Him?" In a humble, frank and sincere manner let us examine the subject of PRAYER and see for ourselves whether or not it is a profitable business.

#### Reasonable

Surely all of us will agree that it is REASON-ABLE-reasonable even from the human standpoint. "If ye then being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to

them that ask Him."

Our children come to us with their problems. their sorrows, their hurts, their desires. And we as normal parents listen levingly and patiently to their requests and try as best we know and can, to do that which we feel is wisest.

Surely God, Who is perfect wisdom, perfect knowledge, perfect love, will not do less for us who are His children than we do for our children.

#### There is a Devil

Prayer is a profitable business because there is a devil. Eph. 6:12, 13, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

To our shame we have not always overcome every temptation that came out way, BUT we have never been overcome by temptation when we prayed for help. Surely if God can save our souls He can save us from any temptation. Try prayer. It pays.

#### God Commands

Prayer is a paying business because God commands it. "Men ought always to pray and not to faint." It always pays to obey whether business be material or spiritual. Surely God will be more inclined to bless the obedient Christian than He will the one who disregards His commands. Prayer is commanded. In fact, we have many misgivings about any person claiming to be a Christian who fails to pray.

#### God's Way For Us to Obtain Things

Prayer is a profitable business because it is God's way for us to obtain things. James 4:2, "Ye have not because ye ask not." Many Christians fail to obtain many blessings because they do not ask for

#### Brings Joy

Prayer is a profitable business because it brings joy. John 16:24, "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name; ask and ye shall receive that your joy may be fulfilled." The happiest Christians we have known have been praying Christians. In fact, we do not recall a really consecrated, brightfaced, happy-hearted Christian that was not a praying Christian.

Prayer may be made in any position. The Bible describes people as praying in various postures. And God does not command any particular tone of voice or degree of loudness. Prayer may be silent or by the spoken word but whatever the manner,

PROFITABLE BUSINESS.

### OUR SELECTED EDITORIAL

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.-Editor.

#### SWEDISH BAPTISTS LOSE A GREAT LEADER

The Baptists of Sweden lost one of their outstanding leaders in the death on January 5, 1943, of Dr. N. J. Nordstrom, president of the Bethel Theological Seminary of Stockholm. He was one of the vice-presidents of the Baptist World Alliance. In the years between the Berlin Congress of 1934 and the Atlanta Congress in 1939, he served as chairman of the commission on "What Baptists Can Do to Avert War and Promote Peace," which presented its report at Atlanta. (See Missions, September, 1939, pages 413-414.) Ominous was his prediction in that report, less than two months before the outbreak of the second World War, that "another world war will mean the ruin of western civiliza-

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tion." And he will be remembered for another prophetic utterance at Atlanta, "Only changed men can change our world." The Christian devotion and character of the man and his readiness to accept any sacrifice for the cause of Christ was best indicated in still another striking comment when he told 50,000 Baptists in the Atlanta Baseball Park that, "the Christian church must descend again into the catacombs rather than accept domination by any state whose basic idea and philosophy is incompatible with Christian principles." He knew whereof he warned, for he lived in Sweden with Russian atheistic Communism on one side and German paganistic Naziism on the other. The world fellowship of Baptists will sorely miss Dr. Nordstrom's scholarly leadership, virile personality, and unswerving loyalty.-Missions.

# Our Contributed Editorial

BY INVITATION OF THE EDITOR

By this means we hope to give our readers a cross

#### THE YOUTH OF TODAY

For the young, Christ has the Gospel of Living. and that ye might have it more abundantly."

To the young, Christ brings the Gospel of Inspiration. Youth looks around on the world in which it finds itself and notes its defects with a fresh and inevitable glance. It burns to put them right.

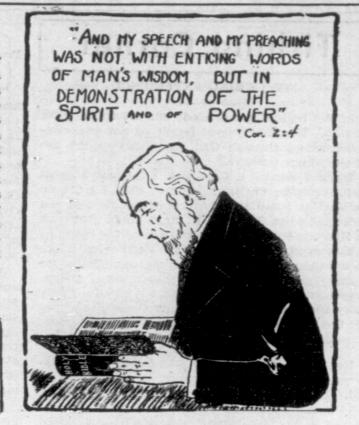
difficult situation than ever before. Let us take a look into the world into which youth has been born. This is a lawless world, a racketeer world, a criminal world. According to the bureau of statistics, the United States is spending more than fifteen billion dollars for crime alone.

has grown since prohibition days. A nation can-

Youth faces a materialistic world. Materialism is the father of irreligion and fatalism. It cheapens life and makes machines of more value than men.

ages God has shown that He could trust youth. Daniel began his career as a boy taken captive from Jerusalem to Babylon. Ezekiel was a boy priest, and Joshua and Caleb were very young when they were chosen to go and spy out the land.

themselves on the altar of sacrifice and service for



APRIL IS TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

The Relief and Annuity Board of The Southern Baptist Convention, Dallas, Texas.

Just a word of appreciation for the extra check of ten dollars. I feel like you won't be sending me many more checks as I have passed my eighty-first

The Lord has been so good to me and the Board has lightened my burden so very much I can't find words to express my gratitude. The only thing I can do is to pray God's blessing to continue to be with you throughout the year of 1943 that you may continue to lighten the burden of us elder people.

I am old and feeble and my steps are short and slow. When my Savior calls me, I am ready to go. Sincerely yours,

Dear Fellow Baptists:

Remember the aged ministers and their dependents with a Love Offering when the Lord's Supper is observed in the churches during the month of

What you have done in the past has brought joy to so many of our veterans of the Cross.

Let us make them happier than ever this year. Please send your offerings to Dr. D. A. McCall, Box 35% Jackson, Miss., designated "Fellowship Offering" for aged ministers.

Thanking you for your hearty cooperation, we are Your servants,

AGED MINISTERS RELIEF COMMITTEE,

C. J. Olander, Chairman, R. L. Wallace,

A. S. Johnston. -BR

In the review course in House Style conducted last month by the Baptist Sunday School Board, Miss Annie Ward Byrd was winner of the first award for having made the highest grade. Miss Byrd is the daughter of our late lamented Sunday school secretary, Dr. J. E. Byrd. Her brother, Edward, is pastor at Holly Springs, and a sister, Miss Juanita Byrd, is a foreign missionary who is now interned in Shanghai, China.

Christ and the church, so let us not be pessimistic or discouraged nor think the present generation any worse than each preceding one.

Christianity itself was a youth movement and the Man who lived most, served most, loved most, and died to redeem a world was only thirty-three years of age when He was crucified. So let it be indelibly written and forever be remembered by their critics that it was not youth that crucified Christ.

"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."-M. C. Waldrup, association missionary, Lyon, Miss.

#### W. M. U. CONVENTION INFORMATION

The one thing of great importance in this week's issue of The Baptist Record is concerning our state Convention at First Baptist Church, Jackson, April 6-8. Our first session will begin Tuesday evening at 7:45—last session will close Thursday noon. For the first time we have not asked for free entertainment, but we feel the time has come to put the entertainment on the pay basis. There are many reasons for this change in plan. We gave a list of the hotels in The Baptist Record of March 11th. Make your reservation early.

If you desire to have a room in a private home for \$1.00 a night per person write:

Mrs. H. D. Maddox.

1291 North President St., Jackson, Miss.

She will arrange this for you. We feel it is quite important for as many societies as possible to send representatives. This is a time when we all need the inspiration and encouragement that will help us to overcome our difficulties, so I am hoping you can plan for this.

Let us continue to pray for our missionaries. FANNIE TRAYLOR, Executive Secretary.

#### HONOR ROLL

The churches listed below have agreed to contribute to the Now Club (or other object of their choice) the amount they would have given to pay their pastor's expenses to the Southern Baptist

The same is true of individuals listed below:

Duck Hill Baptist Church. Highland Church Meridian. First church, New Albany, A. L. Goodrich. D. A. McCall.

E. C. Williams. A. J. Wilds. Fannie Traylor. Edwina Robinson. M. E. Perry.

Bryan Simmons, J. R. G. Hewlett.

The United States Baptist, which has been published monthly at Washington, D. C., by Mike Elliott, editor, has suspended for the duration. The editor has accepted an appointment as chaplain. We regret that this good magazine has been discontinued, for we read it with much interest.

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Hazlehurst Baptists are rejoicing over the rapid reduction of their church debt. They have already paid a thousand dollar bond that was not due until October, 1943, and they have paid \$1,000 on bonds that will be due in 1944.

Evangelist A. D. Muse has revised and enlarged his booklet, "Answering Jehovah's Witnesses." Any people who have been, or may be troubled with this kind of people should have this pamphlet. The price is twenty-five cents per copy and may be ordered from the Harvester Publishing Company, 1270 Carr Avenue, Memphis, Tenn.

On another page will be found the advertisement of Draughon Business College. We hope any of our readers who contemplate a business education will give them careful consideration. We are personally acquainted with the manager, Mr. J. P. Cox. He is an active member of Calvary Baptist Church where he teaches a Sunday school class. Whave also had dealings with amny of their graduates and always found them satisfactory.

Although more is expected the Annie Aymstrong offerings for missions at the First church Brookhaven amounted to \$245.85 at the end of the first

-BR-1942 was a good year with the Collins church. After setting aside \$343.60 for windows, and paying all outstanding bills, December 31, 1942, found on hand in the treasury a balance of \$2,479.18.

Our meeting at Sharon proved very helpful. Rev. R. L. Orr did the preaching and did it well. The local school gave fine cooperation. The people prayed and God answered with ten or more conversions, while three were received by letter. We thank God for the Crusade and the blessings to us. -B. Simmons, pastor.

section of Mississippi Baptist thought.

The young have special needs of their own which the Gospel must recognize if it is to be of any use to them. Their needs can only be satisfied by a Gospel which understands and sympathizes with

It is of life the young man thinks, not death. There is a response to this in the Gospel of Christ for it is pre-eminently a gospel of life. There is nothing else about which it is more constantly speaking. "I am come," said Christ, "that ye might have life,

For the young, Christ has the Gospel of Giving. Christ has a cause on earth which can only be carried on by the energy of those who are willing to act in His name. It needs courage, initiative, sacrifice; it needs the lives of men. This appeal comes home especially to the young. There is a work you can do for Him in youth that none can do in old age.

The youth of today are facing an infinitely more

This is a drunken world. Even liquor men are alarmed at the proportions to which drunkenness not stagger its drunken pathway to prosperity,

This is a scientific world. Science has given new comforts, benefits and necessities, but it has also increased life's hazards. Science divorced from religion becomes a monster to destroy mankind.

War is materialism gone mad!

But modern youth is facing all these things with their eyes open and with courage and faith that rings true. Young people are basically honest, reliable and dependable. They are holding positions of great trust today and are discharging their duties with precision and efficiency.

Young folks are outspoken. They discuss most Intimate matters with frankness and candor. Young people are reverent. They do reverence where reverence is due.

Youth today can be trusted; in fact, through the

Young people have always been ready to offer

# THE CAUSE OF THE WAR (A Reply) By M. R. Cooper, Richmond, Va.

Having three sons who are commissioned officers in the present war, and having read history much of my time in the past half century, still I have not forgotten that the great Apostle Paul said that "the love of money is the root of all evil." Certainly war is one kind of evil.

Before entering upon this proposition I wish to say that our brother, the Rev. H. H. Hargroves, of Waco, Texas, in your front page of The Baptist Record last week, tells us that atheism is the cause. He makes atheism an awful monster. Plato tells us (Laws) that atheism is "a disease of the soul, which leads to an error in understanding." In one of Bacon's essays he tells us that "a little philosophy may lead to atheism; but depth of philosophy brightens minds to religion."

Recently I have had conversations with two professed atheists; both were members of the Atheistic Society. Both were Ph.D's of Harvard. Both are men of high moral character. One is the son of a beloved Presbyterian minister. There was a lapse of several weeks between our interviews. We did not argue. We reasoned together. I was thoroughly convinced that both men had diseased minds. They were mentally sick. One of them since died in an automobile accident. The other lives here in Richmond. He is a very quiet, peaceable man. Though he is past forty, his soul is in revolt against the rigid authodoxy of his father's church.

With the late D. L. Moody, I believe that we of the church are largely responsible for the atheists of today. In his History of Civilization in England, Buckle tells us that "the clergy at no period, and in no nation, have been remarkable for their meekness, or for want of confidence in themselves." But for the cruel treatment of Bob Ingersol's father by his fellow Presbyterian ministers, Bob would never have become an unbeliever.

Now, back to the real cause of the war. The same thing that caused all the wars before caused this one; viz., the love of money, or selfishness. Buckle (as above) tells us that "there was war in Europe every day of every year during the dark ages" (that is, from the year 500 to 1000 A. D.) and that was before the invention of gunpowder. Each "heap big chief" organized an army to drive from his home those who possessed better lands, capable of producing more money, or whatever they used for money. And that continued five hundred years until some of them became thirsty for knowledge, and the tide of learning set in for a change. By and by, when they learned how to make gunpowder and other implements of war, the war gods saw an opportunity to get rich quickly. With factories running night and day they had to sell, or quit. In order to sell, there must be a war. In order to make war there must be a quarrel. One gossiping woman can set a neighborhood to fighting. Propaganda is as old as the human race, and has always been the source of strife and war.

France has always had her fertile soil, and easy to make a living. England has always had her ships that sail the wide seas to make her fortunes; but the rugged hills of Germany, so thin and unproductive, and the seas, most of it, too far away for competition with England's commerce, had to find other ways of making money. Their climate and poverty compelled them to find some other way out. It was a long, hard road to the Krupp factories; but when they arrived via many wars there was fame and fortune for them. It was the love of money that bred inventive genius to the war merchants. Germany wanted to rule Europe. Japan wanted to rule Asia. Italy wanted Africa; and the same propagandists wanted the United States to take over all the American continent. That would insure a continual war, and a perpetual need of war munitions that would keep the war merchants forever rich.

No need to find comfort in blaming it all on the war merchants. Just ask ourselves would we not have done the same thing had we been big enough, smart enough? I have seen some small tripes bigger rascals than the war merchants. But we have had fewer wars in the U.S. than in any other country during the same period of time.

February 26, 1943.

### Tithing Corner

#### MY TITHING EXPERIENCE

In the beginning was God; and all things were of God. Therefore, we as people do not own anything except through God. He allows us the use of the things we have.

When I became a Christian, I thought a great deal about the Christian life and what I could do for God as I had already reached middle age. So I decided what God gave to me, I would give back to Him one tenth of all I received and the blessings I have received from God have been worth more to me than all the wealth anyone could have, for I know God has answered prayers that I have prayed; not only because I tithe, but because I pray daily and read the Bible and give God all the glory for the many blessings I have received.

L. L. DUCKWORTH, Ellisville, Miss.

Rev. D. E. Gambrell, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, passed away February 6. He was 92 years old. He began his ministry in Mississippi about 1876 near New Albany. About nine years later he moved to Arkansas where he served as pastor and leader for 25 years. He became pastor at Tahlequah, Oklahoma, in 1910 and spent the rest of his life in that state. In September 1877 he married Miss Zollie Morgan, of Holly Springs, Mississippi. She preceded him in death just fifteen days. To this union were born seven sons, four of whom survive their parents. One son, Rev. Leon M. Gambrell is pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Daytona Beach, Florida.

Rev. N. F. Davis, Jr., pastor of Kokomo church, Walthall county, recently preached on "God's Financial Plan." After the service 26 members pledged to give at least a tithe of their income to the cause of Christ.

Rev. J. Earl Bryant, pastor of Immanuel church in Hattiesburg, reports a good meeting at Carthage where he led the singing. Pastor H. W. Shirley did the preaching. Brother Bryant in writing about the meeting said, "The people are responding in a fine way under the able leadership of their new pastor. Brother Shirley has a keen insight to God's word. I predict for the Carthage church a deep spiritual growth."

The Pontotoc church voted to give \$250.00 from last year's surplus to the Co-operative Program, and to use the remainder of the surplus for some needed repairs on the church building.

Kokomo: As a pastor may I say that the people of Kokomo have responded very nicely to the humble leadership which they have had since last September. Never in my limited experiences have I witnessed a more co-operative group than Kokomo Baptists. The people also arranged for a home for their pastor and his wife on the church field for the summer months, for which I am very grateful.—N. F. Davis, Jr., pastor.

Dentville: Rev. Owen Williams, pastor at Utica, did the preaching for our Crusade revival. We had two additions for baptism, the pastor's son, nine years of age, and a man 82 years of age. There were many other professions of faith. The church was greatly revived. We feel hopeful that we shall be able to make these campaigns an annual affair at this time of year in our churches.—R. A. Tullos, pastor.

Rev. C. E. Bryant, Jr., has joined the staff of the Arkansas Baptist as assistant editor, his special work being in the circulation and advertising departments. Brother Bryant, a native of Arkansas, is a graduate of Baylor University and the Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

"Children at Worship" is a book containing 52 Primary worship programs, by Percy Elizabeth Parris, and is published at \$1.25 by the Standard Publishing Company of Cincinnati, Ohio. Mrs. Parris is a teacher in the First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, and is also a member of the faculty at Ridgecrest. It is a storehouse of worship service materials for Primary Department superintendents and teachers. The whole work is pervaded by a distinctly Bible emphasis. It may be ordered from the publishers or from your Baptist Book Store.

Endow a professorship at Blue Mountain.

THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT

E. F. Haight, Th.D.

Professor Christian History, Baptist Bible Institute

"Thou shalt not kill!" thunders the sixth commandment, standing at the head of the second table (dealing with man's relations to man) of the law. It aims at protecting the life and person of the individual. By it, God lays a restraining hand on anyone who would seek to kill another. This commandment has never been revoked by God or man. On the contrary, it has become a basic law of civilized society everywhere and a part of the conscience of mankind. Moreover, Jesus extended its prohibitive force to include hatred, anger, ill-will, unforgiveness, and even contempt.

A generally recognized distinction exists, both in ancient times and today and among all civilized peoples, between manslaughter and murder. Manslaughter is the "unlawful killing of a human being without malice, express or implied," as when resulting from an act done upon sudden feeling due to sufficient provocation. Murder is "the offence of unlawfully killing a human being with malice aforethought, express or implied."

However, in early English laws both manslaughter and murder were regarded as "felonious homicide." Other acts of killing were considered "justifiable" or "excusable" homicide. These included a killing which resulted from the performance of legal duty, from unavoidable necessity, from the prevention of the committee of an atrocious crime, from accident, or from self-defense. Thus the English law and our law deal with the matter of killing under the two categories, unjustifiable and justifiable homicide. Plainly, the sixth commandment forbids unjustifiable homicide, and most of all murder.

Since we are engaged in war, the question has been raised about the application of this commandment to killing in battle. Three observations are made here. First, no human law attaches guilt and exacts a penalty for such killing.

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Second, most Christians would regard such an act as justifiable homicide on the ground that it is a species of cooperative self-defense under circumstances which leave the individual no alternative other than his own destruction and that of his fellow-countrymen.

Third, killing which occurs in battle, or elsewhere, as a result of one's serving in the armed forces of his country might properly be regarded as a result of the performance of one's legal duty.

In either view, all such killing takes the character of justifiable homicide. So considered, it does not represent a violation of the sixth commandment.

This, however, is only to deal with the strictly legal side of the matter. What of the psychological or experiential aspects of killing? What of hatred in the human heart? What of anger? What of ill-will? What of unforgiveness? What of contempt? What of the totality of a Christian's attitude toward an enemy—an individual, and hostile groups such as a nation or race or class?

These questions involve the viewing of the sixth commandment in the light of the teachings and practices of Jesus. Here, one meets with the familiar words: "The law says . . . but I say unto you. . . ."

In subsequent articles we shall deal with these distinctively Christian aspects of the application today of the sixth commandment.

A gentleman was walking down the street with his little boy by his side, when the youngster cried out, "Oh, Pa! There goes an editor."

"Hush, hush," said the father. "Don't make sport of the poor man. You never know what you may come to yourself some day."

The football game between the University of Texas and Georgia Tech in the Cotton Bowl, Jan. 1, was opened by prayer by President M. L. Brittain of the Georgia institution. It is noted that both President Homer Rainey of Texas and President Brittain of Tech, both state schools, are active churchmen, Rainey serving on the Texas Baptist Executive Board and Brittain teaching a large class of men in the influential Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta.—Christian Century.

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DR. FULLER IS LAST SPEAKER ON RADIO HOUR

Bringing to a close three months of the Baptist Hour radio series, Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, Louisville, Ky., will speak Sunday morning, March 28th, according

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Lowe, Atlanta,

Ga., chairman

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DR. ELLIS A. FULLER President, Southern Baptist

ject, "Making America the Arsenal of Spirit-Seminary ual Democracy."

This is the closing message of the present announced series on the general theme, "American Christians Amid World Crises."

The Baptist Hour, now in its third year, presents outstanding religious leaders, both laymen and preachers, in a series of timely messages each Sunday morning at 7:30 a. m. (CWT). Thirty-seven radio stations in sixteen Southern states are on the independent network.

The programs can be heard in Mississippi over Stations WERC, Birmingham; WCBI, Columbus; WAML, Laurel; WFSA, Montgomery; KTHS, Hot Springs; WSB, Atlanta; KWKH, Shreveport; KTBS, Shreveport; WJBO, Baton Rouge; WSLI, Jackson; WREC, Memphis.

Many of the stations on the present network will continue the Baptist Hour series for April, May and June, carrying messages by Dr. George W. Truett, noted preacher of Dallas, Texas.

Janice church, Perry county, has called Rev. William Potter as pastor. He will preach there every first Sunday. He will begin an Evangelistic meeting at Janice on March 31, and writes that he expects to get the EVERY FAMILY Plan included in their budget soon.

others who could do likewise.

We wish others would follow his example. Every week we have a heartbreaking letter from some widow or some old preacher telling us that he cannot renew his subscription because of lack of money. There are many such people who ought to get the Record and the friends of the Record ought to help send it to them.

Send your donation to The Baptist Record, telling us that it is to help send the Record to someone who wants it and is unable to pay for it. We will see that the money is used to the best advan-

#### Pastor Explains Unique Plan For Promoting **EVERY FAMILY Plan**

A few days ago a pastor was in The Baptist Record office. Knowing that he had wanted the EVERY FAMILY Plan for a long time but until recently had been unable to get it adopted, we asked him to let us in on the secret.

He said that it was easy as soon as he made up his mind to get it adopted. He sent the Record to all his resident families for three months. He paid for them himself. At the end of the three months one of the deacons at a deacons' meeting said that he didn't think it was fair for the pastor to carry the whole load and that he felt like the church would be glad to accept the EVERY FAMILY Plan as a part of its program. It was presented to the church and that church now has the EVERY FAM-

DOUBLING THE FIVE THOUSAND CLUB A DEBTLESS DENOMINATION BEFORE 1945 ······

#### It Is Happening!

Our Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board is out of debt!

Oklahoma Baptists recently paid the last of their indebtedness!

Texas Baptists have "paid out"!

Thus it goes!

WHEN WILL IT HAPPEN TO MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS? When we get 284,000 more dollars for debt!

Mississippi Baptists are the ONLY ones who will decide that.

That means you, and you, and you, and you! We know we will advertise the call for \$75,000 of

our bonds May 1st. We are "just dying" to be able to call \$127,500 at that time! IT CAN BE DONE! The \$75,000 includes 1952-53 maturities! The \$127,500 includes those plus 1954 maturities.

If we call the \$75,000 maturities we will save \$45,000 interest!

If we call \$127,500 we save \$81,375 in interest! MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS! LET US MAKE IT HAPPEN!

First church, Laurel, Dr. L. G. Gates, pastor, E. D. Hurst, treasurer, sends us a check in the amount of \$2,476.27 covering recent offerings for the causes of Christ. This is one of the largest single checks

The Now Club received \$1,052.21 of this amount. We will fast pay debts if this becomes a good epidemic.

"Go thou and do likewise," is Scripture, therefore, Scriptural.

A Mississippi Baptist was recently lamenting the fact that Baptists-State and Southwide-were "bragging" too much!

We like to please, so we have been sounding a bit of a "low note" regarding the fact we lacked \$322,000 retiring all our bonds after three years and one month of Now Club promotion.

Now all of us are satisfied so we shall go back to the "high note."

We will let others be the discouragers. We will hold up hands!

Now comes a nice Now Club contribution in the name of Hilton Dan Arnold, who is seeing service in the armed forces of Uncle Sam in New Guinea. Thus he helps to win two wars at the same time. May the blessings of our God be upon him. V

We list "Over-the-top" churches in Now Club of recent dates:

Anguilla-Deer Creek. Leland-Deer Creek. Roxie-Franklin. Siloam—Franklin. Anchor-Lafayette. Yellow Leaf-Lafayette. Calvary-Lincoln. Mt. Moriah-Lincolr Montgomery-Lincoln. New Prospect-Lincoln. Wellman-Lincoln. Liberty Hill-Panola. Lvon-Riverside Spring Hill-Tallahatchie. Cross Roads-Zion. -BR-

You will be interested to know that I have as an assistant one of your fine young Baptist men. Private Robert E. Shirley of the Shubuta Baptist Church in Clarke Association. He has been a leader in B. T. U. work in his home church and the association; he is consecrated in the Lord's work. This position will give him a wonderful opportunity to become a witness for Christ among our men. I feel fortunate in that God, has sent this young man in answer to a chaplain's prayer. Recently we organized a unit of the Service Men's Christian League with Robert as the president. The outlook for this organization is very promising.-Riley A. Brickey, 1st Lt., C. of C., Base Chaplain.

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading-give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

#### Knoxo Adopts EVERY FAMILY Plan

Rev. James Thorn has been pastor at Knoxo for

two months, but in that two months he has been going places.

In sending in the EVERY FAMILY list from that church he said, "I explained the EVERY FAMILY Plan to them in conference and they adopted it without hesitation, You know, I believe strongly in the EVERY FAMILY Plan."

REV. JAMES THORN

Walthall county Record readers are now listed as follows: Crystal Springs 37; LEXIE 26; TYLER-TOWN 131; NEW ZION 21; KNOXO 37; SALEM 45; ENON 28; MAGEE'S CREEK 35; Dixon 15; Union 5.

#### Pate Joins 100% Club

Trying to serve the full-time church here and three one-fourth time churches is an easy thing as far as the preaching part is concerned, but to be

a good pastor to this many churches is another thing. One man can not do it, even when the people are good, humble, prayerful and cooperative, as these are. I soon realized this impossibility and sought help, asking the local



the EVERY FAMILY Plan, which they did, and I found the Record to be a faithful helper. Later two of my three one-fourth time churches adopted it, and now I am sending a list from the New Salem church, the fourth and last of my churches to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

Please give us a grade of 100 on this and pray that with the help of The Baptist Record I may make such a grade as a pastor.

No church needs the Record more than the church that has a poor preacher and a punk pas--don't look at me. All of my churches are now in the EVERY FAMILY Plan.—R. E. Pate, pastor.

#### How One Pastor Does It

Recently a faithful pastor, on a small salary, wrote us as follows:

The Lord has blessed me this year, and all the years for that matter-beyond all I deserved. This has been one of the best years of all my life. I tithe my income and have a little tithe money on hand. I read your appeal to "Help Make Christmas Brighter." I enclose my check for three dollars to help do that for one aged preacher and one widow—preferably a preacher's widow.

With every good wish for you and your family for a really happy Christmas and a great New Year of usefulness and service.

Cordially yours,

The pastor who sent this check is pastor of two churches both of which are being aided by the Convention Board. Surely if he can help send the Record to those who are needy, there are many

### PASTORAL PROBLEMS

"STAY AWHILE" By Norman W. Cox, D.D.

How long a pastor should continue in the pasterate of a church depends upon many things. Some should never have been. Others have been where they are long enough in six months, or two years, or five. It would be better if others remain ten years, twenty years, or a lifetime. When that is said, however, I am absolutely convinced that at least fifty percent of us preachers accept a call to another pastorate and leave where we are when we ought to stay and dig in and push on.

Many times it is the fault of the church. I know some foolish churches that have the idea that two years, three years, four years or five years is long enough for any preacher to stay and regardless of how well he is doing that he ought to change. Their desire for a change is governed by the calendar and not by either the will of the Lord or the work the pastor is doing.

More often it is restlessness on the part of the pastor. Sometimes he has ambitions he should forget. Again he grows discouraged before difficulties and thinks it would be easier in some other place. All this is a delusion. I am one who has moved when I should have stayed where I was more than once. It takes time for a man to grow a grip on the confidence, esteem and understanding of a church. It takes time for a man to contribute the most lasting values of influence and leadership in the life of his people.

Moving too often hinders the preacher and prevents him from having a permanent part in the life of his people and the community. He holds back himself and his people hold back when there is any sense of the temporary in the mind and heart of the people.

A very safe policy to follow, I am persuaded, is for both the church and the pastor to each in the beginning try to see the best in the other and try to develop a relationship that they will want to be permanent. Then after two or three years when they have had an opportunity to know each other each ought to decide whether they would like it to last a longer time. If they reach this conclusion, each should accept the other, like getting married, for better or worse. Each will be happy and the life of each will be richer.

One thing I know is the pastors that do the best work and the churches that prosper most are those where the pastor and the church have long years of service together. There are exceptions but they are few.

#### -BR-THE BAPTIST FOUNDATION

It will be recalled that for some years a group of interested Christian people of several different denominations have worked to secure an amendment to the State Constitution so as to permit those who wish to do so, under certain limitations and restrictions, provide in their wills, gifts for religious or other charitable purposes. They have been successful, so that now Baptist institutions, as well as those of other denominations, may receive such bequests. Already our Orphanage and Mississippi College have received such gifts.

Our State Convention has continued this committee for the purpose of educating our people in the matter of including such gifts in their wills. Out of this desire to provide for our Baptist institutions has grown the further desire to make more effective and practical efforts to secure not only gifts by will, but also gifts that become available while the donor lives.

In other words, the purpose is not only to direct the attention of our people to these worthy objects, but to make concerted efforts to secure these gifts, and to provide assurance to the givers that their gifts will be preserved as far as humanly possible against loss, to assure that the gifts will be wisely and permanently invested where safety may be combined with the best returns on the money

It is well known that larger sums in the hands of capable administrators can be more advantageously handled than smaller sums in the hands of

### ON WMU CONVENTION PROGRAM







MISS AURIS PENDER



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different agencies. That is why life insurance companies can handle the moneys entrusted to them to better advantage than they could be done by the individual.

It is desirable that endowment funds shall thus be entrusted to a group of sane and experienced business men. This was in the minds of the committee which last year reported to our State Convention recommending the establishment of a "Baptist Foundation," having a board of directors or trustees of capable and experienced business men whose business would be to secure and conserve permanent funds for the endowment of all our Baptist institutions in which our Mississippi people are interested.

There seemed to be a misapprehension on the part of some of our people, a fear that this board would interfere with the local management or administration of our institutions. This fear was without foundation, for it was explicitly stated that this board would have no such function or authority, but would be charged only with securing financial support for the institutions and administering these funds only in accord with the wishes of the givers, and in the interest of the institution to which the gifts were made. This is the limit of their sphere of work.

This effort to unify our people in the support of all our work is not to the injury of any department, but in the interest of every department. It is an extension of the budget idea in financing every department of our denominational work. In the years agone, every department of our denominational work had its own agents in the field and had to compete with every other agency at every convention and association and church. Now all these are unified in our denominational budget-what we call our Program.

Just so when we need now to go afield to secure permanent endowment funds for all our institutions, we need to avoid getting into one another's hair and provoking partisan spirit and unholy rivalry. Such an agency as the Baptist Foundation would be equally interested in all departments of the work and seek the equitable support of every one of them.

At present we have no such general agency, for the Convention Board is not directly concerned about permanent endowments. Indeed it has fought shy of any such campaigns.

Little has been added to the permanent assets of any of our institutions for many years, with the possible exception of the Orphanage; and such attempts as have been made by individual institutions have not been crowned with success. Certainly it is time that something should be done. Even such securities as some of these institutions have had have not been handled in a way to secure the largest benefits.

Our people do not seem to realize it, but unless something is done to strengthen the financial structure of our educational institutions, we are threatened with a serious set-back to Christian Education and so to every department of our denominational life. The Baptist Foundation has

On April 6th, 7th and 8th, the Baptist women of Mississippi will gather at the First Baptist Church in Jackson for their State Women's Missionary Union Convention. Due to the fact that the Southern Baptist Convention will not be held this year because of conditions affecting housing and transportation facilities, this meeting is of great importance to Mississippi Baptists.

A glimpse of the program promises there will be no "rationing" and no "ceiling" on the benefits and inspiration to be gained by attending this convention.

Outstanding speakers who will address the convention are Mrs. W. J. Cox, treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention who speaks on Wednesday; Miss Susan Anderson, missionary to Africa, also speaking on Wednesday, and Miss Gladys Keith, from the Rachel Simms Mission in New Orleans, speaking on Thursday morning. Highlighting the program will be addresses by Mr. E. C. Williams, state Sunday school secretary and president of the state Baptist Convention, and Dr. P. I. Lipsey, noted Baptist leader.

One of the outstanding features will be the talk by Miss Auris Pender, who spent six months in Stanley prison in Hong Kong. Miss Pender, along with other missionaries, was returned to America on the Gripsholm in exchange for Japanese nationals. Another interesting feature will be an insight into native Africa given by Mobolo Ayorinde, a native of Nigeria, Africa.

The spotlight will be focused on the young people on Wednesday afternoon and evening when Miss Edwina Robinson, state young people's secretary, will have charge and present some of the young people and their work.

Climaxing the Convention will be the address of Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board.

At a time like this every Baptist woman of Mississippi, whether affiliated with a Woman's Missionary Union or not, should avail herself of this splendid opportunity of listening to these speakers, hearing reports of the progress made by Baptists in Mississippi and enjoying the fellowship of other Christian women at this Convention. Jackson, the Friendly City, and the First Baptist Church, your hosts for the Convention, extend you a cordial invitation to come and be their guests.

MRS. SHERROD TOWNSEND,

Publicity Chairman.

-BR Tell others about the Blue Mountain College Endowment.

helped in other states, and it ought to greatly strengthen our work in Mississippi.

These things are said now that our people may. be set to thinking. There is little opportunity for discussion of them in our Convention.-P. I. Lipsey.

#### SOMEWHERE IN SERVICE Chaplain Roy Autry

I think I never knew just what the Messenger meant until today when I received my first copy since leaving the United States. What a joy to read it again!

I have never enjoyed my work so much in all my life as I do now. We in the actual combat areas realize how great is the challenge for the chaplain. I am looking out for the religious life of four other units besides my own. Nothing uncommon to have 75% of all the officers and men present for a preaching service. I am seeing more men turning to God than ever in my ministry.

Recently my company commander came to my hut and said, "Chaplain, you have brought God to our outfit. I had almost forgotten there is a God until you came to us. You have the same touch with Him that my mother has. I feel so close to Him now." Just before we sailed from the States our adjutant said to me, "Captain, I am thankful to God that we have a chaplain. I'm not afraid now to go over seas, for I believe that God is going to go with us."

I preached recently on the subject, "True Happiness," using as my text Ecc. 12:1. I stressed the thought that true happiness came only through a personal experience of salvation by trusting all to Christ. A few days later a sergeant said, "I have found that happiness you told us about Sunday night. I have trusted all to Christ. I never knew there could be such real joy in life. I am writing mother and dad all about it."

There are a lot of things we do not have out here, none of the cozy conveniences that many of you at home still enjoy; but I have personally found the "joy unspeakable" that comes over and over again from Him whose arms span the seas and who holds us in His hands.

Blessings on all of you in the homeland who are holding down the home front.—Baptist Messenger.

Rev. N. R. Stone of 3726 North View Drive, Jackson, Mississippi, has been busily engaged for the last few weeks in Bible conferences in Florida. The last one was at Live Oak. He has been invited to return to Live Oak in 1944 to deliver inspirational addresses and to speak on prophecy.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Each of the 80 member churches of the Milwaukee Council of Churches has reported "greatly increased" attendance at Sunday morning worship services, according to the Rev. M. A. Simonson, president of the council. "It is evident," said Mr. Simonson, "that because of the war, people are turning to religion for spiritual encouragement."

Stockholm (By Wireless to RNS)-The "new heathendon" is making progress in Quisling's Norway. Pro-Nazi clergymen are preaching "Northern Christianity," a form of sun worship which has as its symbol the sun-cross used by Premier Vidkun Quisling as his personal emblem. In one instance a clergyman erected a sun-cross over the church entrance and the congregation became very annoyed. Propaganda for the new sun-cult is being increasingly heard over the radio. The cult was launched by the Teutonic SS, an organization of storm troopers who observed last Christmas season with speeches to the sun and worship of mythological northern gods. At that time cult speakers quoted freely from Quisling and used portions of his addresses as "sermons."

Lisbon (By Wireless to RNS)—Pastors Edouard Theis and Albert Troche of the French Reformed Church in Le-Chambon-Sur-Lignon in Haute-Loire have been arrested and interned, it has just been learned here. Le-Chambon-Sur-Lignon, in the newly-occupied area, is a well-known Protestant activity center, chiefly because of the many convalescence institutions and centers of refuge maintained there by the Salvation Army. The recent liquidation of the Salvation Army in France has made it impossible for these institutions to carry on their work.

Since the coming of Bro. A. B. Pierce, we have made a church census; morning and evening attendance at church service more than doubled; more than 200 members signed as tithers, local contributions doubled and material gains in Now Club collections.

### DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR April

Three Months Evangelistic Crusade continues.

Cooperative Program Emphasis.

Now Club (Mississippi Debts).

Vacation Bible Schools.

Christian Literature and Church Libraries.

Sunday School Training Courses.

Relief and Annuity Board (and Offering for the Relief of Aged Ministers).

April 6-8 State W. M. U. Convention, First Baptist Church, Jackson.

Check Subscription to Denominational Periodicals.

Youth Week.

Sunday School Training Courses.

Rev. L. J. Crumby, pastor at Coffeeville, has been called and has accepted the pastorate at Inverness. He succeeds Rev. C. W. Baldridge who resigned January 1.

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Blue Mountain College.

Mrs. J. M. Boxx of Water Valley writes of her approval of The Baptist Record. She has been a member of the Five Thousand Club since it was first started. This is a worthy record.

Dr. David M. Gardner, St. Petersburg, Fla., was with Pastor C. Z. Holland and the First Baptist Church of Canton in their revival crusade. Concerning the meeting Dr. Gardner said: "In spite of weather conditions we had the best attendance that I have had in any church in Florida or out for many years. This was especially true of the morning services. We had many conversions and the finest spirit of cooperation that I have experienced in many, many days. I fell in love with Mississippi Baptists. I was pinch hitting in this meeting for Dr. Charles Bolton, our state mission secretary. I tell them that I pince hit so often that I am getting afraid to go to a funeral, and my wife is afraid for me to go to a wedding. It won't be hard to get me into Mississippi from now on whether I am pinch hitting or not."

Durant: Our Evangelistic Crusade closed March 21. There were eight additions. We engaged no preaching help, but Rev. Earl George of Mississippi College and Jones Bayou led the music in a great way. His work in the youth conferences, an hour before the evening services, was outstanding. A group of about fifteen young people from our church and several from the other churches of Durant pledged themselves to speak to at least one lost friend weekly for the next three months, and to refrain from certain questionable practices which they had previously considered harmless. Brother George brought his portable organ, which was used in the noon meetings in downtown stores and in the outing given the young people the closing night of the meeting. He is especially well fitted in personality, experience and training for evangelistic work and served most acceptably.—B.

Flora Baptists are making preparations to really welcome their new pastor. Although they have not yet called they have their eyes on some good material. At present they are making the following repairs to the parsonage: New hardwood floors and refinishing same; moving partition and making larger living room; adding another bath for guest room and modernizing present bathroom; modernizing kitchen, new cabinets, etc.; painting the exterior of parsonage and also re-papering and painting the interior.

Ralcigh: Our church has voted to increase the pastor's salary 30% effective April 1. It has been talked for some time but only recently authorized.

—Reporter. (Editor's Note: Action is much better than talk. Other churches should do likewise.)

Mize: M. A. Davis, pastor of East Moss Point church, assisted Pastor W. E. Hardy in the Mize Crusade revival. There were six additions.

Bruce: Our Crusade revival begins Sunday, March 28. J. B. Middleton, pastor at Sardis, will be the speaker and Pastor L. F. Hare has arranged for three services daily—11:00 a. m. at the high school, 5:00 p. m. at D. L. Fair Lumber Company, and 8:00 p. m. at the church.—Reporter.

#### RATIONS By Mrs. W. G. Mize

Yes, we are rationed too. But due to the way you filled our pantries we feel quite blessed and more fortunate than many people we know. Thank you again for your canned products. We cannot refrain from making Thanksgiving plans in March when every day cars drive in to be loaded with empty jars. When you come to Jackson in a car, truck or school bus, please drive out to the Orphanage and let us give you jars for your community. Do not wait until time to can, you may find all of them gone. Come soon. Oh! your garden is not "up" or was frozen? Well, we lost a few plants even in our hot beds and had to replant some seeds because of excessive rains, but the onions, greens, strawberries, cabbage and Irish potatoes look good. Now, we raise ours to eat fresh, as our acreage is limited. The Orphanage can eat up a good sized garden at one "picking."

I have been asked numbers of times about the proportions of canned items we receive. When taking inventory for the recent registration I found this to be the proper proportion: Out of every 100 quarts there are approximately 20 quarts blackberries; 18 quarts stringbeans, 16 tomatoes and juice; 10 pears; 8 kraut and cabbage; 7 peaches; 4 apples; 4 field peas; 4 pickles and relishes; 2 preserves and jellies; 1 huckleberries and muscadines; 1 butterbeans; 1 beets; 1 English peas; ½ turnip greens; ½ carrots; ½ squash; ½ okra; ¼ soup mix; 1/4 corn; 1/8 meat; 1/8 pumpkin; 1/4 sweet potatoes; miscellaneous. This may help you to determine what you had best spare for us next time you pack a box for your boys and girls. You may want to have this in mind when you plant.

May God richly bless you in the seed time and the harvest. Then we know as your barns and pantries fill, so will ours. Thank you.

The West Point Daily Times-Leader of March 5 contained a full-page advertisement of the Christ Centered Crusade. The Crusade is being sponsored by the Baptist, Christian, Methodist, Episcopalian and Presbyterian churches. There was also a first page article about the Crusade.

Pastor E. C. Horton of Eudora writes, "The Record is a fine pastor's assistant."

In a past issue of the Record in listing the circulation in Pike county we omitted listing Bala Chitto church. This good church, Rev. J. T. Tolar, pastor, has six subscribers.

Stockholm (By Wireless)—Virtually all clergymen and theological students are expected to be drafted for labor service in Norway following new moves by the Quisling regime to crush the church opposition. A number of the pastors affected by the mobilization order are more than sixty years old.

The teachers and students of the Pori In Bible Training School of Hongkong (Miss Flora Dodson, their principal, was interned in Stanley internment camp) told, upon their arrival in Free China, of the manner in which they had maintained a continuous chain of prayer, day and night, all during the fighting in their city. One student would pray for a time, and then another would continue. One day there came to the school three Japanese soldiers with their hearts set on evil as was evidenced by their coming in the back door. As they knocked on the door demanding admission, each girl stood quietly with her Bible in hand softly whispering a prayer. In the face of the great danger, there was no panic. Not a word was uttered and soon the intruders went on their way. Many were the deliverances which the Lord granted to His people.

Miss Attie Bostick, one of our senior missionaries in China, writes from Kweiteh Honan Province, where she is interned with other missionaries in the Presbyterian compound. She tells of the old trusted Chinese farmer-gardener from Pochow bringing a new padded garment, which two of the sisters there made for her. The Sunbeams at their church sent a hen and thirty eggs; the sisters sent a hen and some pears, so they are constantly reminded of the Father's kind care through His little ones

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### Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

Lesson for March 28
APPEARANCES AFTER THE
RESURRECTION
John 20:18-21:25

I. Our Lord Appears First to Mary Magdalene. John 20:1-18.

Read this beautiful story. At the conclusion of this account, we hear our Lord and hers commanding Mary on a mission for Him to His disciples. Mary was the first preacher of the resurrection, but after this morning, she appears no more in the gospel story.

II. Our Lord Appears to Ten Disciples on Easter Evening. John 20:19-23.

On this evening, the disciples were within the house where they were abiding, with the shutters all shut, because they were afraid of the Jews, when suddenly their Lord stood in the midst of them. They did not see Him come in at the door or window and take so many steps from His entrance into the room to where He paused and addressed them. He was suddenly there. "How did He get in there?" Well, how did He get out of the grave? He was obviously out of the grave when the angel rolled the stone away from the entrance to it. The stone was not rolled away in order that He might get out; but in order that others might see that He was no longer in there.

The body with which He rose was the same as that He had before He died; for His body was shown to His disciples that they might know that the person they now saw after the resurrection was the same they had seen hanging on the cross, the body had the same likeness in every particular so the disciples might never again doubt that He was the Jesus whom they had followed since He had called them to Him many months ago. But the body with which our Lord rose from the grave was in some manner different. It was becoming a glorified body now, and He had the power in this body of His suddenly to appear and as suddenly to disappear. The difference was in the change He had undergone in the resurrection.

"Peace be unto you." This was His resurrection gift to them, a confirmation of the same gift He had made them as His parting bequest before He suffered on the cross. The world can never give this peace: it is the gift of our Lord. The world can not take away this gift, for the same reason, namely, it is the gift of the Lord. Having this gift, men have all for which men plan and contrive and plot and strive in this world. Peace! Why, that is what this war is about. You may ask any one of the dictators what on earth they started this war for (but of course every one of them will lie by denying that he had anything to do with starting it), and he will tell you that ne is fighting for peace. Of course, he will mean a different thing from what you mean when you speak of the peace of the Lord. His is a peace which differs in character from the peace of the Lord as distinctly as two things can differ. The peace of the Lord means oneness of thought and affection and purpose with the Lord. Let one of us get that peace into his heart and the turmoils of the world will not have power to control him into sin or to drown his soul in sorrow.

They were glad when they saw Him. Can you wonder? They had left all to follow Him and, it had seemed to them that all their leaving and leave-taking had been in vain, till when on this night they saw their Lord alive. It would be perfectly safe to say that they never again lost the joy of this evening.

"As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you." Now read this again, holding the Bible in one hand and making some gestures with the other. First say, "As the Father hath sent me (and when you say 'me,' point your index finger at your own bosom), even so send I you." (As you say "you" point your index finger at the heart of someone you conceive to be just in front of you.) Now change the reading a bit and do it again. Say. "As the Father sent Him, even so sends He me." When you say, "Him," look and see whether you can see Him standing there, vision Him, point to Him with your index finger; and when you say "me," point the same finger at your own heart. Now is that what He meant? Are you and I to be to the world for Him what He was to the world for the Father?

"Receive ye the Holy Spirit." Well, have you received Him? I very much fear there are scores of thousands of Baptists in the land who do not know the Holy Spirit, have never received Him, have never practiced His presence. The breath of God is the Holy Spirit. Have you breathed, do you breathe the breath of His holy life?

III. A Doubter is Convinced and Confirmed. John 20:24-29.

Thomas was not present when the Lord made His first appearance to the apostolic company. One week later, Thomas being present, the Lord again appeared. Thomas had said he could not believe unless he should see the prints of the nails and feel them with his fingers. After eight days, the Lord came again and, this time, Thomas was present and the Lord said, "Reach hither thy finger, and see my hands, and reach thy hand and put it into my side." "Be not fearful but believing." Now note that Thomas is not said to have reached forth his hand at all. Just to see his Lord was enough for Thomas, and the first thing he said was "My Lord and My God." You have seen the Lord, and that has convinced you, Thomas? It is well, but the Lord says, "Blessed are they that have not seen, and have believed." He does not here set a premium of the credulous mind, upon a credulity which accepts any matter of heresay as it were the gospel truth. Our Lord is not here complimenting ignorance. He is saying that there are other grounds of assurance as strong as, nay, stronger than the sight of the eyes. Thomas could have believed the testimony of his ten fellow-disciples, the testimony of the prophets, of Moses and the psalms. Any inquirer may now have all of these witnesses, and the testimony of the Holy Spirit sent down from heaven.

IV. John's Age-Long Purpose. John 20:30-31.

"Many other," and John was thinking of the sort of things he had writ-

### Leading In Cooperative Program

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6. Charleston \_\_\_\_\_ 725.62 ten, stories of incidents, record of sayings, accounts of signs wrought, of long walks taken with the Master, and he says in effect that he has selected only a few of the things he might have written. How much he might have written had the Spirit permitted it, may be seen from the passage whence we came to this. The five chapters, 12 to 17, record the doings of only one evening and night. There were many other evenings full of tender discourses by the Lord, but John did not write them down; because the Spirit had given John a commission, and that commission formed John's purpose. His purpose was to set forth Jesus as the one and only truly begotten Son of God, very God of very God, begotten, not made. That was the first half of his purpose, the other being that those who read his gospel might believe the truth that John has written, believe in Him as Savior of whom John has written, and have life in His name.

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13. Walker Hanks Memorial	406.67
14. Ackerman	400.00
McComb, East	400.00
Morton	400.00
15. Union (Pearl River)	390.91
16. Pascagoula, First	385.00
17. Waynesboro	383.46
18. Foxworth	375.00
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Will Blue Mountain College appear in your WILL?

An understanding commanding officer: A group of unusual second indorsements to the monthly reports of three overseas chaplains has been noted. One chaplain had made a statement that he had traveled 300 miles for services and the indorsing officer commented that each of these miles was similar to "the last long mile." On another report the same Commanding Officer mentioned the success of religious work in spite of severe weather and bad roads. The indorsement on the third report stated that the chaplain was facing situations not commonly met in civilian life. -BR-

The Federal Council of Churches, in its statement on "Our Heritage of Religious Freedom," slaps squarely in the face the Roman Catholic hierarchy which presumes to say to Protestants that they should not enter Latin America as missionaries. Says the Federal Council: "We deplore the pretension of the Roman Catholic hierarchy to circumscribe the religious freedom of Protestant Christians in the proclamation of their faith, while by implication reserving for themselves the right to the universal proclamation of their own."-Watchman-Examiner.

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### Baptist Training Union

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Can You Draw a Map?

For two years we have been collecting maps. We started out to get a rough sketch of each association with all the Baptist churches located, and as much information about Training Union work in the association as possible. It has not been easy to secure all these maps, but through some friend in each association we have succeeded in getting such map from all except one association. The one we lack is TISHOMINGO. Will someone in Tishomingo volunteer to draw this map for us? We want it on a small sheet of paper, 81/2x11. Just draw outline of the association (county) as large as that sheet of paper will allow, locate the Baptist churches, giving the names and mail to Auber J. Wilds, Oxford, Miss. This will be a service that will be greatly appreciated and the map will help us in our work with the churches.

#### Interested In Doctrine?

We have from the press a small booklet entitled "What Baptists Believe and Why They Believe It." It is a clear, concise, and acceptable statement of what Baptists believe about many vital subjects. The price is only 10c. For those desiring a number of copies for distribution among organizations, etc., in lots over 10 they are 9c, lots over 50, 8c, and a hundred or more 7c. It strikes us as being a very timely book as we have been a little lax in our teaching of doctrine these last years. Order from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss.

#### Union Chapel Riverside Association Organizes

Thanks to Brother M. C. Waldrup, missionary in Riverside Association, for the report of a newly organized Training Union in the Union Chapel church. Bro. Waldrup led in the organization and gives the following names as the leaders: Director, Mrs. C. H. Taylor; general secretary, Ernest Paul Broadway; adult leader, Mr. W. T. Lesley; Intermediate leader, Mrs. W. S. Spurry; Junior leader, Mrs. W. L. Hickenbottom; Story Hour leader, Mrs. M. H. Brooks. We were glad to send sufficient literature complimentary, for the first quarter. This is a courtesy the Baptist Sunday School Board offers all newly organized unions.

#### Adams-Franklin Association Reports

Already we have mentioned the program for the Adams-Franklin Association of several weeks ago, but did not have the complete report then. We are happy here to give the facts concerning their last meeting,

Mr. T. J. Boyd, the associational director, is elated over the fine response the churches made to the call to meet. Half of the churches were represented in the four group meetings and a total of 393 were counted. The meetings were held as follows: First church Natchez, three churches represented and 145 attending; Meadville, three churches represented with 44 attending; Damascus had three

churches represented with an attendance of 115; Romah reported only two churches represented with an attendance of 89. The meeting at Natchez was broadcast, the other three churches had a radio and listened in. Their programs were given early so this could be done. Mr. Boyd announces the next meetings as follows: West Side Natchez, Meadville, McCall, and O'Zion. These meetings will be held on the afternoon of May 30th. Mr. Boyd is giving his time freely and is anxious to have Adams-Franklin top all other associations. Will you not cooperate with him? Make your plans now to carry a bus load from your church to the meeting of your

Plans go forward for our fifteen District Training Union Conventions. This year they will begin June 7th and run through June 25th, five a week for three weeks. A change is being made to the effect that they will begin early afternoon instead of morning. The slowdown in transportation makes this necessary so those of us who will attend all conventions can get from one to the other easily. The four contests will be a special feature again, the Story Hour Bible Stories; the Junior Memory Work; the Intermediate Sword Drill; and the Young People's speaking. The general subject for the Young People's speaking this year will be Alcohol the Destroyer. Suggested subjects will be mailed to all young people's unions within a few weeks. Material for the other drills will be mailed to leaders of the unions also within a few weeks. These contests are always highlights in the meetings.

#### Adults Lead In Study Course Awards

In the Southern Baptist Convention for the year 1942, 256,096 Training Union study course awards were issued. The B. A. U. led with 68,343. Next in line were the Intermediates with a total of 60,981 to their credit. Juniors third having received 58,708, and the Young People had 55,691 which is a splendid record considering the large number of young people we have lost, and the boys in service do not have an opportunity to take a study course book. 12,373 awards were issued on the Administration books. You may be interested in knowing which book in each department other than the Manuals. (The Manuals far in the lead in each case). For the Juniors, The Junior and His Church led with 9,023. For the Intermediates, The Meaning of Church, led with 7,-684. In the Young People's course, Pilgrims Progress with 4,222 (This book is now accepted for an Intermediate study course book) for the Adults, Our Doctrines came first with 6,702.

#### March Is Study Course Month

Every year for the past twenty-five, March has been the month when more churches had study courses for their unions than at any other time. Is yours planned for this month? We will be glad to send Request for Awards blanks upon request.

#### BELZONI INCREASES BUDGET

The 1943 budget for Belzoni is \$9,-298. Last year 75% of the receipts were used for local work and 25% were used for denominational causes. This year the division is 70-30.

Rev. Chester A. Molpus is the new pastor, having succeeded Rev. W. L. Compere who resigned to accept the pastorate of the Fifteenth Avenue church in Meridian. Pastor Molpus writes that they are hoping to get to the place where they can divide their offerings on a 50-50 basis. He also says, "There are great and good people here in the Belzoni Baptist Church—some of God's finest, and we are happy in working with them. The people are cooperating beautifully. and we believe that we are 'set' for the doing of great things for our Lord."

In addition to the regular offerings one of the Belzoni members made a special cash offering of \$2,500.00. This was in addition to a special gift of \$1,500.00 for local purposes.

The Sunday school, B. T. U. and church services are all well attended. In recent weeks there have been twenty additions to the church.

This is a Baptist Record EVERY FAMILY church.

### BR—BR—I WAS HUNGRY . . . YE GAVE

The unspeakable suffering of the people of Greece—innocent victims of a relentless power—is beyond our ability to comprehend. Today in that land famed for its beauty and culture and art, starvation stalks the streets. Where of old the voices of Socrates and Plato and Demosthenes rang forth their challenges to noble living, there now ocho and reecho the pitiful cries of want and wretchedness and suffering.

To that land of hunger and misery Southern Baptists have sent \$7,500.00. Toward the support of the many Greek children, now being cared for in Switzerland, an additional \$2,000.00 has been sent, making a total of \$9,500.00 given thus far to provide food for some of the starving thousands of Greece.

The following letter, dated February 25, gives us the gratifying assurance that the help we have provided has reached those for whom it was intended: "Dear Mr. Maddry:

"I want to express once more my deep gratitude and that of my colleagues for your unfailing generosity to the cause of Greek relief. It is most gratifying to have friends who are not content with a single donation but who feeled impelled again and again to send aid to the starving people of Greece.

"Our shipments continue to go to

Make a gift to Blue Mountain College Endowment.

### Training In Associations

These associations reported some Sunday School training during January and February: Chickasaw, Clarke, Columbus, Deer Creek, Greene, Hinds-Warren, Jones, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Leake, Lebanon, Lee, Leflore, Marshall, Mississippi, Neshoba, Newton, Pearl River, Perry, Pike, Rankin, Riverside, Scott, Simpson, Sunflower, Tishomingo, Wayne and Winston—28 in all.

That is certainly a mighty fine showing for this early in the year. Some of these associations have had several churches already with training. Every association should certainly have some training each year. Let's make it 100 per cent with the associations in 1943.

#### JUNE REMEMBRANCE

Each year from Christian colleges all over America come thousands of wholesome young women ,trained in mind and strengthened in spirit. Some enter business or professional life, taking with them an influence that is sorely needed in a hectic world. Most of them answer that noblest of all callings—homemaking and motherhood.

"All that I am, or hope to be," said Lincoln, "I owe to my angel mother." The influence of Christian mother-hood is incalculable in the world to-day. Youngsters receive the first ideals of honor, truth, thrift, morality and unselfishness in the home. It is there they first learn of God.

The finest of educations is fruitless without the leavening of the Christ Spirit. Not only must the mothers of young America be intelligent but they must be Christian in their ideals and in their approach to the biggest problem that confronts them. A happy home is no accident. It is the result of intelligence and sympathy, of purpose and planning.

It is the deep-seated purpose of Blue Mountain College, where the enriching influence of Christ's teaching becomes a part of life itself, to prepare the young womanhood that enters its halls for Christian mother-hood—the responsibility for young America.

The early colleges were founded by the churches in order that the essentials of morality and religion might keep the nation free. It is the work of the Christian college to make the nation great by making the individual men and women great. Though small in size, Blue Mountain is great in vision and, given its opportunity by adequate endowment, it can leaven the lives of other thousands of young women. From the time of its founder to the present, Blue Mountain never has sought to be greater, but always to be better.

The church is the bride of Christ. June is the month of brides. This year, it is also the month when the Baptist churches of Mississippi are asked to remember Blue Mountain by making offerings to its endowment. The first objective of Blue Mountain is to train women for Christian homemaking.

Sam Holloway in the Talco Times tells of the fifth grader who came to school one morning last week, worried-looking, ashen-faced and excited. To the teacher who demanded to know what was the matter, Jimmie replied: "I don't want to scare you, but papa said if I didn't get better grades someone is due for a licking."—Dallas News, via Baptist Messenger.

Greece regularly, and we know that they are doing a great deal to relieve the misery in that unhappy land. Just recently we had a letter from a tiny village in Arcadia describing in touching terms the arrival of some of our wheat and the renewed life that it brought the peasants there. Such a letter is a glowing tribute to support like yours which enables us to continue to save those people.

JOSEPH J. LARKIN, National Treasurer.\*\*

Thus we have begun to know the joy of sharing with him who said "I was hungry and ye gave me to eat." We have begun. May God help us to continue worthily.

#### CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

#### Called and Accepted

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H. B. Hixon, Guin, Ala.

H. A. Cate, Shelbyville, Tenn.

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D. A. Howard, Hartwell, Ga. J. H. Stephens, Inglewood, Nash-

ville, Tenn.

Joe Harris, Camden, Tenn.

G. R. Reynolds, Parksville, Ky. J. C. Yates, Allen Street, Charlotte, N. C.

M. V. Reynolds, Blue Ridge, N. C. Willis Bennett, Oteen, N. C. W. E. Bailey, Dyer, Tenn. Thomas G. Ashby, Byram, Miss. D. M. Nelson, Jr., Second, Richmond, Va.

Joe T. Odle, Crystal Springs, Miss. W. L. Sewell, Gloster, Miss. Bill Culbreth, Choccolocco, Ala. H. O. Hughes, Waldo, Fla. Charles L. McKay, Temple, Ruston, a.

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L. M. Polhill, Deer Park, Louisville, Ky.

J. B. Cooper, Portland, Tenn. R. L. Franklin, Jacksboro, Tenn. M. F. Swilley, First, Pine Bluff, Ark. Leland Heriford, Maysville, Mo. Charles Blackmon, Zimmerman, La. H. G. Hammons, Glen Mora, La. M. R. Barnes, Crab Orchard, Ky. A. H. Fuhr, Macon, Mo. J. E. Reany, Reaford, N. C. Everett Murray, Bellhaven, N. C. L. R. Evans, Salisbury, N. C. S. E. Beard, Cornersville, Tenn. A. R. Hicks, Bellevue, Tex. W. R. Allen, Monterey, Tenn. Earl Gooch, Ironton, Mo. L. A. Leach, Rocky, Okla.

Clarence Bergen, Afton, Okla.

L. L. Yearby, Trinity, Oklahoma
City, Okla.

L. M. Keeling, Judsonia, Ark.
W. M. Draper, Lovington, N. Mex.
T. W. Carl, Dover, Tenn.
Ira C. Cole, Tabernacle, Paducah,
Ky.

Maurice B. James, Granbury, Tex. F. E. Swanner, Port Neches, Tex. Judson Prince, Riverside, Ft. Worth, Tex.

J. B. Rose, Holden, Mo. Edgar Jacks, Pryor, Okla. C. O. Lindsey, Center Terrace, Canton, Miss.

Raish B. White, Central, Ashland, Ky.

A. Y. Napier, Midway, Ala. W. W. Hamilton, Gentilly, New Orleans. La.

Carl Stewart, Colyell, La.
C. L. Holtzclaw, Van Horn, Tex.
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#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: Our friend and former pastor, Reverend I. D. Eavenson, has felt it his duty to resign after fourteen years of faithful service to this community and has now entered the service of his country as a chaplain; and in leaving us he leaves a host of friends who regret to sever the many ties that have bound us to him, and who now come to bid him Godspeed in his new work;

AND WHEREAS: Dr. Eavenson has through untiring efforts in our community endeared himself to all who have known him; not only those in his own congregation but all other citizens as well who have felt his kindly influence;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That this resolution proclaiming our love and appreciation for Dr. Eavenson be drawn and that this statement of our respect be made to express to him our love and gratitude for his unselfish years of service to us.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the local papers and spread on the minutes of the church.

Respectfully submitted
W. M. KETHLEY,

N. G. MAYHALL, G. B. WOODWARD,

First Baptist Church, Cleveland, Miss. February 25, 1943.

Churches, remember Blue Moun-College in June.

"Do you know why the little inkdrop was so blue?"

"No."
"Because his father was in the pen finishing out a sentence."—Charity and Children.

# BOY SCOUT ACTIVITIES, BAPTIST ORPHANAGE By Bob Mizell, Scoutmaster

### "I Will Do My Best to Do My Duty" Who?

We the boys of the Baptist Orphan-

Since today Scouts are in the thick of it on the home front, their battle

cry is "Toughen Up and Buckle Down."

We, the boys of the Baptist Orphanage, have recently organized a Boy Scout troop. All of the fellows

are now working on their second class requirements. We are in need of equipment. We believe you will help us secure this equipment. Since countless grown-up Scouts are doing the fighting to defend these rights and principles and many boys have outgrown their uniforms and no doubt have packed them back in some nook or corner, not thinking of our need for them, we feel that all we need to do is just remind you of the use we can make of them. We can use any kind of equipment. In fact, anything that a scout has ever used, we can use them now. In return we will remind you of the Scripture found in Acts 3:6, "Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee." In return we will say, "Thank you," and will promise to strive to always live the Scout oath and laws and will do our best for our God and our country every day in every way.

#### CHURCHES WILL GET CHAPLAIN CERTIFICATES

Churches, colleges, religious orders and similar organizations which have lost the services of a clergyman through his becoming a chaplain in the army will be eligible to receive certificates stating that fact and signed by the Chief of Chaplains, the War Department announces. The document will contain the name of the church or organization and the name of the chaplain.

Where a clergyman has entered the chaplains corps from the service of two or more independent churches, an award will go to each church. Where the clergyman has served missions under supervision of a central church, the award will go to the church. The certificates will cover those who entered the service since the proclamation of the national emergency on Sept. 8, 1939, and will apply even though the clergyman no longer is with the armed forces.

The certificates will be sent to the churches and other organizations and





# KNOW YOUR BIBLE

- 1. Cucumbers, an article of food in Bible times, were carefully protected in Isaiah's time. Why?
- 2. What is the "Gospel of the Holy Spirit"? Why is it so called?
- 3. "Church" is applied to most religious buildings. Where did this name originate?
- 4. "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" is a popular hymn. Do you know who wrote it, and why?

(Correct answer on Page 15)

it will be unnecessary for them to make formal application. The Chief of Chaplains, however, will be glad to offer suggestions for presentation ceremonies as well as assist in arranging for participation by a chaplain or other officer.

Indianapolis, Indiana—The Indiana State Senate has passed, with only a single dissenting vote, a measure approving released-time religious instruction for pupils in public grade schools. The measure had previously been passed by the House, with only two dissenting votes. It provides children in public grade schools may be released without loss of credit for four class periods a week to attend religious instruction in the churches. Religious groups sponsored the bill.

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#### Bulletin Explains Opportunities in Vital Office Jobs

LEARN how quickly you can qualify for a position as government stenographet, calculating machine operator, and the like, at \$1752 to \$1971 a year. Goretnment telegram says thousands are needed for early appointment.

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#### Vacation Schools

The time is getting near for the Vacation Bible schools. Most of the other features of a Sunday school program can be done at almost any time the school decides to do them, but not so with the Vacation school. These must be held during the vacation time of the year, which is April, May, June, July and August.

Many of the day schools are now beginning the latter part of August and closing the first days of April. This means that quite a few churches will be having their Vacation schools the latter part of April. However, the great majority of them will be held during June and July, with May and August coming in for many of them.

Since the time is so rapidly approaching for these schools, plans should certainly be made now for all the details so that nothing will be left undone toward making the school the very best. If we wait until the last few days before the school begins, there is just not time enough to have everything properly planned, and thorough advance preparation usually means the difference between a fair school and an excellent one. The grade of the work is often determined before the school even opens. Therefore, plan now.

The time should be definitely set, the faculty enlisted and trained, the text books should be secured so that the teachers will have ample time to get familiar with the programs that will be used this year, and thorough advertising done for getting it before all the people.

#### **Books** and Literature

The 1943 packages of FREE Vacation Bible school literature are now available and we will gladly mail them on request. This package is free, but it contains much helpful information about the work. In this package is a 1943 catalog, an order blank, some report blanks, a standard of excellence for the VBS, and also some leaflets giving helpful information about how to plan and promote the Vacation school. Get your package of this free literature now.

Also, the 1943 text books are now ready, or will be within a very few days, and these may be secured from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss. Order all of your Vacation school



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books and materials from the Jackson Book Store, and not from the Nash-

#### Why These Schools?

It is doubtful if any part of our work through all these years has met with as hearty a response by so many people and churches as has that of the Vacation Bible school. And this has been true in all types of churches: city, town, village and rural. It has gained favor with a momentum that has been startling. No part of all our work has been actually DE-MANDED like the Vacation school. Many have been the testimonies from pastors, superintendents, teachers and others, where the boys and girls have really begged for it.

In the face of the fact that so many times we are saddened because our people don't attend various church services as we wish they would, and not infrequently it is the young people and boys and girls, don't you think, brother pastor and superintendent, that we should not only be glad but really rejoice at the glorious privilege of offering to them the Vacation school, where all the boys and girls from 4 to 16 years of age can come, and do it because they delight to

Many churches are having to face the responsibility of not giving their boys and girls the advantages of the Vacation school. Not once but many times through the years have we had pastors to refuse to have a Vacation school when we had offered to lend them a set of text books free and furnish a worker without any cost to the church to direct the school. All this in the light of the fact that each year tens of thousands of these boys and girls attend the Vacation schools and get the blessings and benefits of those great programs of worship, Bible stories, character stories, memory drills, sword drills, songs, and all that goes along with these schools.

Also, each year hundreds of them are won to Christ in the Vacation Bible school. Each of the last two years there have been more than 500 professions in Mississippi Vacation Bible schools alone. They are worth all the cost if nothing more were done than this one thing. And yet they are not revival meetings, but it shows that the programs are right because the results are right.

#### April Training

April and October are the two months set apart each year for Sunday school training. April is about here, therefore, many schools should make all the necessary plans early for a great week of training during April.

Great programs of training do not just happen any more than any other thing of importance just happens. They are the result of careful planning and thorough preparation. Every Sunday school is faced with the same problem of trained workers. And every school must train its own workers if they are ever trained. We cannot expect one church to train the workers of another church. This calls for a very definite program of train-

#### PASTOR PROTESTS

Permit me, as pastor of one of the 25,000 Southern Baptist Convention churches, to register my protest against the action of the Executive Committee of our Convention, when on February 24th meeting in Nashville they decided to "defer" the annual meeting this coming May.

We people called Southern Baptists, for generations have been telling the world of our freedom and democratic form of church government; our state papers have constantly held forth that the Executive Committee could not act for any independent church and that the Convention was only so constituted when "messengers" from the churches assembled to discuss matters pertaining to the progress and welfare of all the churches.

It seems to me that in this action we have set too much of a precedent and that the individual churches might have been asked to voice their opinions in that it still is the church that makes the convention possible and supports its finances. Must we. after all these years, have the cry of "bureaucracy" rise up from our ad-

As "a voluntary association of Baptists" I do not believe our good brethren had the right to make this decision and thus register this personal protest.

#### BILL POTTER.

ing each year. All workers need training each year, whether class officers, department officers, teachers, as well as a group of good prospects. This helps us to have a reserve in times of need.

Of course, we do not always have all we want in reserve, but this kind of program of training will go far toward solving this problem. Training is basic in any work. It is not a thing peculiar to religion. We train soldiers, baseball players, singers, swimmers, farmers, engineers, doctors, lawyers, teachers. All must be trained for the best work. It is so with Sunday school workers. These must be trained also.

Therefore, decide now to have a training class, or classes, during April. Set the week, secure the teacher, or teachers, get the books, advertise the week, pray for it, work for it, study for it, and when it is over many will rejoice that it was so. Our people need to be challenged to a great training week, two if possible. Let this be a definite part of the yearly calendar of the superintendent. Do not think of going through a year without at least one training class. Let this be as much a part of the program for the school each year as the revival is a part of the program of the church each year.

Let us all join in a great training program during April. Leaflets giving all the books in the course, as well as blanks to report the classes, will be gladly sent on request. They are free; get them any time you will.



#### HEBRON CHURCH IS NOW HALF-TIME

Hebron Baptist Church of Jeff Davis county, Miss., was organized in May or June of the year 1821 and is the second oldest church in the county.

It is generally believed that N. Robertson served the church as pastor as early as the year 1836. The first pastor that there is any record of, however, is that of James Powell, who was called March 25, 1840.

More than forty years ago the church went to half-time but only for a short while (a year).

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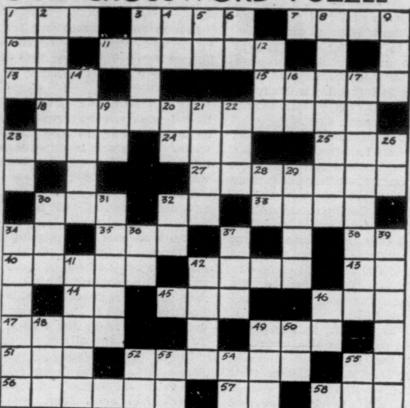
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- tion," Prov. 19:20. 7 "Take fast . . . of instruction," Prov. 4:13.
- 10 North River.
- 11 ". . . instruction, and casteth my words behind thee," Ps. 50:17. 13 Tibetan ox.
- 15 Savory meat jelly.
- 18 "Whose leveth . . . leveth knowledge," Prov. 12:1.
- "To . . . wisdom and instruction," Prov. 1:2.
- 24 A son of Gad, Gen. 46:16.
- 25 Science.
- 27 Makes animated.
- 30 "also wisdom . . . instruction," Prov. 23:23,
- 32 ". . . instructed, ye judges," Ps. 2:10. "when the . . . is instructed, he receiveth knowledge," Prov. 21:11.
- 34 Flemish.
- "in the . . . of life that keepeth in-struction," Prov. 10:17. 35
- "ye have set . . . naught all my counsel," Prov. 1:25.
- 40 Tree or shrub.
- 42 Designating a division of the shield.
- 43 Western continent. 44 Wave length.
- "openth the ears of men, . . . sealeth 45 their instruction," Job 33:16.
- Monetary unit of Roumania.
- 47 "I will . . . their backsliding," Hos.

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- 14:4. 49 Rodent.
- "instruction that causeth to ..." Prov. 19:27.
- 52 "instruction of . . . justice, and judgment," Prov. 1:3.
- 55 "... that men would praise the Lord," Ps. 107:8.
- 56 "He that . . .th instruction despiseth his own soul," Prov. 15:32.
- "looketh upon . . . and received instruction," Prov. 24:32. "... hear, nor receive instruction,"
- Jer. 17:23. Our text is 3, 18, 30, 32, 33, 45, 56, 57 and 58 combined.

- 1 "if . . . of you lack wisdom, let him," Jas. 1:5.
- ". . . up a child in the way he should go," Prov. 22:6.
- 3 "Behold, thou . . . instructed many," Job 4:3.
- 4 And.
- 5 Diphthong.
- Recording secretary.
- "instructing those that ... themselves," II Tim. 2:25. (pl.)
- 9 Doctor (colloq.).
- 12 Make lace.
- 14 "father to the children shall make ... thy truth," Isa. 38:19.
- 16 Seventh note in scale.
- 17 "teach a just man, and he will . . . in learning," Prov. 9:9.
- 19 Compass point.
- 20 Second note in scale.
- 21 "scribes and Pharisees began to . . ." Luke 11:53.
- Number of Psalm beginning "Hear my prayer, O Lord."
- 23 Chinese measure.

he," Prov. 9:9.

- 26 "instruction of fools . . folly," Prov. 16:22. 28 Compass point. ". . . instruction to a wise man, and
- "... scripture is given by inspira-

Answer to Last Week's Puzzle

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#### REV. H. W. SHIRLEY RETURNS TO MISSISSIPPI

Mississippi is glad to welcome another "prodigal son" back home. In 1927 Rev. H. W. Shirley resigned the pastorate at Philadelphia, Mississippi, and went to Elk City, Oklahoma. During the three and one-half years that he was at Elk City they built an educational building which at that time was the best in the state.

In November, 1930, he became pastor at McAllen, Texas. During the 12 years that he was pastor there, and in spite of the depression, the church debt was reduced from \$20,000 to \$5,000. There was an average of 100 additions per year.

Mississippi is glad to welcome Pastor and Mrs. Shirley back to Mississippi and to Carthage. And we understand that the Carthage people have received them with open arms. -BR-

#### SELECTIVE SERVICE ISSUES BUL-LETIN ON DEFERMENT OF PRE-SEMINARY STUDENTS By Religious News Service

Washington, D. C.-Recommendations governing the occupational deferment of pre-theological students have been issued here by Selective Service headquarters.

According to Occupational Bulletin No. 11, amended as of March 1, undergraduate students in pre-theological fields will be eligible for deferments, provided they are full-time students in good standing in a recognized college or university and in a position to complete their studies prior to July 1, 1945.

In addition, a recognized theological school must certify that each such student is "unqualifiedly accepted for admission and will undertake professional studies upon completion of his pre-professional work."

The bulletin noted that a student already enrolled in a recognized theological school is exempt from training and service under the provisions of the Selective Service Act of 1940.

- tion," II Timothy 3:16.
- 31 "whoso hearkeneth unto me shall . . .
- safely," Prov. 1:33.
- ". . . them is thy servant warned," Ps. 19:11.
- 34 "hear the instruction of thy . . ." Prov. 1:8.
- 36 Capital of Moab, Num. 21:28.
- 37 "that thou mayest be wise in thy latter . . ." Prov. 19:20.
- "Let him that is . . . in the word communicate," Gal. 6:6.
- 41 Very small man.
- 42 Grandson of Adam, Gen. 4:26. 46 Lieutenant.
- 48 "how long will it be . . . they believe me," Num. 14:11. "name of the wicked shall . . ."
- Prov. 10:7. ". . . I my brother's keeper," Gen.
- 52 Writer to the Signet.
- 53 That is.
- 54 Didymium.
- 55 Hiwaiian bird.

#### OFFERINGS AND INTEREST INCREASE AT SLAYDEN

On the first Sunday morning in November the church voted unanimously to put The Baptist Record in the home of every resident member. We also voted unanimously to give 10% of all undesignated receipts to the Cooperative Program. The treasurer's report for the last six months shows a gain in all receipts. The amount sent to the Cooperative Program shows a gain of 42%; missions and orphanage (given by the Sunday school) a gain of 133%; the W. M. U. offering shows a gain of 300%.

Since only a few of us ever read The Batist Record before we adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan, only a few of us realized what being a "Missionary" Baptist really meant. Our church had never had a budget and had never designated any stated amount, or per cent of its receipts to the Cooperative Program. We were kept off the "blank" list by designated gifts of a few members.

Under the able leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Palmer we are going forward in a greater way than any of us deemed possible. More people are attending church services and the Sunday school is growing in attendance with more 100% pupils.—Zollie Puryear.

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### "The Fatherless Within Thy Gates"

The fatherless . . . which are within thy gates, shall come and shall eat and be satisfied; that the Lord thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest.—Deut. 14:29. -W. G. Mize, Superintendent, Mississippi Baptist Orphanage,

Orphanage will celebrate birthdays during the month of April: April 2, Kenneth Perkins, age 12; April 3, Lloyd Ransom, age 8; April 4, Sammie Rustin, age 11; April 5, Doris Smith, age 19 (a high school senior); April 8, Jimmie Cotton, age 8; April 9, Mexine Vaughn, age 16; April 12, Margie Lee, age 12; April 14, Lillian Hyde, age 17; April 17, Martha Lena Hall, age 11; April 19, Maxie Blackwell, age 13; April 19, Marie Drake, age 15; April 21, Glen Oglesby, age 14; April 25, Oreor Yarbrough, age 17; April 28, Eva Mae Kea, age 15.

We wish to take this opportunity of extending an invitation to all messengers and delegates to the W. M. U. Convention meeting in Jackson the week of April 6-7-8 to visit the Orphanage. Come at your convenience, the Orphanage is open at all hours.

Lt. Blondie Rowe, an alumnus of the Orphanage, has recently been transferred from Camp Shelby to Camp McCain near Grenada, Mississippi, where she continues to serve her country in the Station Hospital, being connected with the Army Nurse Corps. Lt. Rowe never fails to witness for her Lord by her life and also by her word of testimony. We are proud of Blondie. May God bless her in her service of the Lord and of her country.

Keith Ginn, an alumnus of the Orphanage, recently entered the service of his country. Keith completed his freshman year at Mississippi College, doing very creditable work, completing eighteen and one-half hours and forty-five quality points. Keith is now stationed with Company 43-92, U. S. N. T. S., San Diego, California, and mail addressed to him in this manner will reach him. We know that Keith will be glad to hear from his friends and the friends of the Orphanage. We are proud of Keith and will be praying for his safe re-

The Business Women's Circle of Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, held their regular meeting at the Orphanage on last Tuesday, having supper with the children and faculty in the

#### If you are buying a laxative, answer these three Questions first

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Jackson, Mississippi.

Would you, your Sunday school class, your B. T. U., your Missionary Society or your Sunday school like to assist the Orphanage in supplying an Easter clothing outfit for one of the boys or girls? If so, just write a card or letter to the Orphanage giving information as to the age child preferred, whether boy or girl and the name of the child, together with measurements and any other necessary information will be gladly sent.

Eleven young ladies representing the Y. W. A. from Mississippi College with their leader, Mrs. S. E. Cranfill, visited the Orphanage on last Friday night and had supper with the faculty and children in the dining room. Later in the evening a very helpful and inspiring program was given by this representative group in the Byrd Memorial Chapel. This visit was greatly enjoyed by all the children and the faculty of the Orphanage.

The Orphanage is in need of \$2,000 additional Baptist Education Commission Bonds to complete an endowment of \$10,000. We own \$8,000 of these bonds at the present time. Perhaps you have some of these Bonds on hand and would be glad to contribute a \$500 or \$1,000 bond to the Orphanage to be used for this purpose. If so, we would be glad to hear from you, and grateful for the gift.

A few days ago a friend called the Orphanage stating that she and her husband were purchasing United States Defense Bonds each month and every tenth bond they were contributing to some worthy cause. She stated that one of the bonds would be given to the Orphanage this month. Perhaps you would like to tithe your investments in the same manner.

Easter Sunday comes rather late this year, but it is not too early to begin to make your plans for the children of the Orphanage. The date is April 25th. We know many friends of the children will want to make a love gift at this season to help supply the needs of the children. Many will want to send boxes of clothing. If the Orphanage can assist you in any way by sending necessary information, please do not fail to write us. -BR-

Mobile, Alabama-Pilot Capt. Wm. R. Pritchard report the strange story of a prayer. Scribbled on the side of the bomber delivered to him in North Africa from the U.S. was this message: "God bless the crew of this plane. I will say a prayer for your safe return." That same bomber has successfully complete 19 perilous missions to date without a single member of the crew being wounded. And here is what Capt. Pritchard has to say:

#### BRAVERY

He wanted to go-I dared not stop him.

- I knew how he had waited, through the years
- To fly in the heavens, like a brave young eagle;
- So he begged at his going, there would be no tears.

We read about the brave deeds of heroes, Their courage as they fight in frey, But, equal their bravery is that of mothers.

Who watch their own sons march away. Hiding the pain, trying to be cheerful; Waving goodbye with a smile, Refusing to think of a lonely future, Praying in her hearts it's just for awhile.

Just for awhile-That, only God can answer. In faith we must wait and pray-That the brave young lads, who so willingly go,

Will march triumphantly back one day. So, when we think of brave deeds accomplished,

May mothers receive the honor they should.

For, as the Master once said of the woman long ago-

'She hath surely done what she could." MRS. W. B. TAYLOR.

"We (the crew) think there's something to that little prayer. After all, if it were just luck the old law of averages would have ruled us out long ago. There have been all too many times when something above and beyond our armored protection and skill has pulled us through."

Woman's Missionary Union, as well as the whole Baptist denomination, has suffered a great loss in the death of Mrs. Rice Pressgrove, Grenada, Mississippi. Mrs. Pressgrove was W. M. U. chairman of District Three for eight years-from 1934 to 1942. Not being well, she sent in her resignation late last fall which was accepted at our Executive Board meeting in December.

She had to undergo a long hospital experience late in the spring, even though she did not regain her strength, I found her present at two different associational meetings last fall. Whatever the Woman's Missionary Union planned she fell in line and promoted that special project to the best of her ability. The promises in God's Word are to the faithful: "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

Though we shall miss her, we will not grieve over our loss, when we are so certain she has entered into that place our Lord has prepared for her, where there is no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain-and God shall wipe away all tears from her eyes.

She leaves an only daughter and three sons. Friends will want to express their sympathy to her daughter, Mrs. Frank York. Grenada, Mississippi.

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#### Answers To Know Your Bible

Feature on Page Twelve.

1. (Cucumbers): The people protected this food from the extreme heat of the sun by building booths in the fields, in which persons in charge kept the food plant sheltered.

2. ("Gospel of the Holy Spirit"): The Acts of the Apostles has often been so called, because it is mentioned more often than in any other book in the New Testament. . . .

3. ("Church"): We call a religious building "church" because it means in the old Greek (Kyriakos), the "Lord's House," a building set apart for divine worship.

4. ("What a Friend We Have in Jesus"): The hymn was written about 1855, by Joseph Scriven for his mother, to comfort her during a time of certain sorrow, not intending that anyone else should ever see it. While he was ill, a friend called, and saw the hymn, urging Scriven to have it published. Hence, a beautiful hymn came into being.

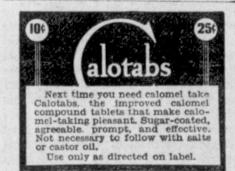
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Blue Mountain, Miss., March 12-Mrs. L. W. Harpole, Eupora, seated, four of whose daughters were graduated from Blue Mountain, and one of whom now is a student here.

This picture was taken when Mrs Harpole and three of her daughters visited the youngest at the college. Left to right: Anne Harpole, Eupora; Mrs. John F. Gilliland, Jr., Coldwater; Mrs. Edward Pryor, Calhoun City; Mrs. Graydon Logan, Eupora. Not in the picture is Mrs. Hugh K. Curry, Eupora, the other daughter.

#### WHAT IS RELIGION?

-BR-

Religion. What is religion? We find that there are over three hundred definitions that have been collected from various sources; all of which testifies of our limitation when we try to define what is included in the word. Religion. Electricity. What is it? Some have said that "We can better describe how it works than we can tell what it is." The same thing can be said of religion.

Humanity is incurably religious. Religious deals with human lives; this is true whether it is true religion or false religion; or whether it be pagan religion. Thus one could ask, "What is my religion doing for me?"

When the thinking mind looks into the night sky and feels amazed before the shining worlds in space, and ask what is man in such a vast universe as this? The religion of the Bible answers, "Thou, oh God, hast made him a little lower than the angels, crowned him with clay and honor." When a depressed man faces disappointment, the loss of confidence in self, religion of the Bible tells him, "God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble." When youth of today faces the temptation of the night in this world of evil, religion of the Bible will say, "Be not conformed to this world, but be transformed." When a man is burdened with grief, religion of the Bible says, "Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me." When a dying man receives news that his days are numbered, religion of the Bible gives this assurance, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for thou art with me."

Again, what is my religion doing for the world? Religion of the Bible is personal; it begins there, but it reaches out into the world and be-



Senatobia Baptist Church

#### SENATOBIA BAPTISTS DEDICATE BUILDING Revival Will Be Held March 24-April 14

A memorial day with the Baptists of Senatobia was Sunday, March 14, when the attractive church building, recently cleared of debt, was formally dedicated. The modern, brick veneer structure, embracing a number of Sunday school rooms, was completed at a cost of \$35,000, just before the depression began in 1929; the heavy debt, with interest, was reduced from year to year and the last payment, \$4,650, was made January 1.

The dedication services were largely attended. At 11 o'clock Rev. J. C. Wells of Lafayette, La., who was pastor in Senatobia when the house was built, brought an impressive message on "Choices," which was greatly enjoyed, and at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon the dedication sermon was delivered by Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor of Bellevue church, Memphis. Dr. Lee was at his very best and his discussion of "A Baptist Church" will be long remembered by all who heard it.

The pastor, Dr. H. L. Martin, who has led the church in paying off its indebtedness, presided over the services, with the assistance of Rev. A. T. Cinnamond, former pastor, Dr. L. Bracey Campbell of Marks, and Rev. J. B. Middleston of Sardis. The music included spirited congregational singing, organ numbers by Mrs. Reginald Moore, anthems by the choir and a solo by Bryant Young of Sardis.

The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion, a number of the floral offerings being in memory of deacons of the church who were active in the building movement but have since passed away. The interior of the building has recently been completely redecorated and at the close of the service visitors were given an opportunity to look over the various departments.

In cooperation with the Statewide Crusade the church will hold its revival meeting March 24 through April 4, with the pastor preaching and Singer W. F. Munday of Memphis leading the music. Thorough preparation has been made for the meeting and the prayers of all Mississippi Baptists will be appreciated.

comes adequate for the solution of world problems. So if a man has discovered nothing important enough in his religion to cause him to want others to know it, to be blessed as he has been blessed, his religion is not very valuable even to himself.

CHAPLAIN B. T. BECKHAM,

#### ORAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Brethren J. H. Cothen, Gaston Mooney and other good pastors have wrought well with the Oral people. At the beginning of our work with this church the first of this year we found The Baptist Record going into all of the homes of the members and the church activities expressing themselves through good organizations-Sunday school, B. T. U. and Woman's Missionary Society. The church has no Brotherhood but does have a very fine B. A. U. that is outstanding.

The church needs a new building but a good start on this has been made by the former pastors and the treasurer has over eleven hundred dollars in this fund, also a good brother has promised another thousand or all of the lumber needed.

Oral has joined the ever-increasing list of churches that have adopted the Ministers Retirement Plan and has paid the premiums a year in ad-

The Service Honor Roll now numbers thirty-two. We have begun calling the names in unison and closing with a special prayer at each morning preaching service. The church sent eighty-four dollars worth of presents to these boys Christmas and has had a number of wonderful letters from them. One of these boys, who is on the high seas, has had several promotions and sends the tithe of his salary each month to his home church.

### T. W. Talkington, Pastor. TAYLOR DAVIS

On March 18, 1943, the Death Angel moved the Spirit of little Taylor Davis, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Davis, to his heavenly home, where he is now watching and waiting for Daddy, Mother and his little sisters, Jimmie and Jessie Davis. The beautiful funeral service was conducted by Rev. E. C. Hendricks, assisted by the Rev. Jones of Pachuta Methodist Church, pastor of the infant's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brasier In a beautiful way a special song, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" echoed with the fourth verse of "Jesus Wants Me For a Sunbeam" was rendered by Rebecca Gibson, accompanied by Miss Grace Gibson,

Little Taylor stayed with us only five months, yet there is a vacancy in the home that cannot be filled, but to all the sorrowing ones we commend you to the Great Comforter. After the beautiful funeral service the little one was laid to rest beneath a mound of lovely flowers in Mount Vernon Cemetery.

BR Investigate Blue Mountain College Annuity Bonds.



PASTOR HONORS DEACONS

Recently Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Reedy of Eupora entertained the deacons and their wives at the Yellow Lantern

B. O. Tabb, chairman of the Board, welcomed the new members who were recently ordained. Grady Doss responded, Mrs. J. L. Taylor graciously extended a welcome to the wives of the new deacons and Mrs. Graydon Logan responded with well chosen words.

C. E. Carroll, one of the senior members of the Board, reviewed briefly the progress of the church under the leadership of Brother Reedy for the past three years, which was substantially as follows: The budget for the first year was \$1,900.00; for the second year, \$3,800.00 and for the third year \$5,100.00 including approximately \$1,000.00 raised for funds to build a new church. Since the closing of the third church year enough money has been added to the \$1,000.00 fund to purchase \$11,000.00 worth of government bonds with which to erect a new church when priorities are lifted and building material becomes available.-A layman. -BR-

#### TEN BEST BOOKS I READ IN 1942 List Submitted by Rev. Guy A. Little, Pinola, Miss.

God Runs My Business-R. G. Le-Tourneau.

After Fifty Years-Dawson. Ye Must Be Born Again—Appleman. The Gospel of Salvation.

The Memorial Supper-Frost. The Voice in the Wilderness-Roy Smith.

George W. Truett-James. Grand Canyon of Resurrection-

Fifty Fruitful Years-Burroughs. BR-

Stockhold (By Wireless to RNS)-One-third of Germany's 18,000 evangelical (Protestant) clergymen are serving in the armed forces, according to reports here. A total of 700 have been killed in action, it was estimated, most of the casualties occurring in Russia.

Stockholm (By Wireless to RNS)-The Swedish Baptist Society has begun a drive for funds to rebuild Baptist chapels bombed during the German invasion of Norway. This is the second collection for Norwegian Baptists started in Sweden.